Quotes from Machiavelli’s *The Prince*

**Directions:** Rewrite each of Machiavelli’s quotes in your own words. Understand his quotes and what advice he is trying to give to prospective “Princes”.

“Everyone sees what you appear to be, few experience what you really are.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“If an injury has to be done to a man it should be so severe that his vengeance need not be feared.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“There is no other way to guard yourself against flattery than by making men understand that telling you the truth will not offend you.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, Machiavelli Niccolo : Prince

“The lion cannot protect himself from traps, and the fox cannot defend himself from wolves. One must therefore be a fox to recognize traps, and a lion to frighten wolves.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“it is much safer to be feared than loved because love is preserved by the link of obligation which, owing to the baseness of men, is broken at every opportunity for their advantage; but fear preserves you by a dread of punishment which never fails.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“The first method for estimating the intelligence of a ruler is to look at the men he has around him.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“Men in general judge more by the sense of sight than by the sense of touch, because everyone can see but few can test by feeling. Everyone sees what you seem to be, few know what you really are; and those few do not dare take a stand against the general opinion.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“Where the willingness is great, the difficulties cannot be great.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“Since love and fear can hardly exist together, if we must choose between them, it is far safer to be feared than loved”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“Never attempt to win by force what can be won by deception.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince
“Because there are three classes of intellects: one which comprehends by itself; another which appreciates what others comprehend; and a third which neither comprehends by itself nor by the showing of others; the first is the most excellent, the second is good, the third is useless.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“...he who seeks to deceive will always find someone who will allow himself to be deceived.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“A man who is used to acting in one way never changes; he must come to ruin when the times, in changing, no longer are in harmony with his ways.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, Machiavelli Niccolo : Prince

“How we live is so different from how we ought to live that he who studies what ought to be done rather than what is done will learn the way to his downfall rather than to his preservation.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“And here comes in the question whether it is better to be loved rather than feared, or feared rather than loved. It might perhaps be answered that we should wish to be both; but since love and fear can hardly exist together, if we must choose between them, it is far safer to be feared than loved.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“A prudent man should always follow in the path trodden by great men and imitate those who are most excellent, so that if he does not attain to their greatness, at any rate he will get some tinge of it.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, Prince

“The vulgar crowd always is taken by appearances, and the world consists chiefly of the vulgar.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“The promise given was a necessity of the past: the word broken is a necessity of the present.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“Therefore, it is necessary to be a fox to discover the snares and a lion to terrify the wolves”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince
“Of mankind we may say in general they are fickle, hypocritical, and greedy of gain.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“Entrepreneurs are simply those who understand that there is little difference between obstacle and opportunity and are able to turn both to their advantage.”
— Niccolo Machiavelli, The Prince

“Men ought either to be well treated or crushed, because they can avenge themselves of lighter injuries, of more serious ones they cannot; therefore the injury that is to be done to a man ought to be of such a kind that one does not stand in fear of revenge.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“It must be considered that there is nothing more difficult to carry out, nor more doubtful of success, nor more dangerous to handle, than to initiate a new order of things.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“Men judge generally more by the eye than by the hand, for everyone can see and few can feel. Every one sees what you appear to be, few really know what you are.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“He who becomes a Prince through the favour of the people should always keep on good terms with them; which it is easy for him to do, since all they ask is not to be oppressed”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“In conclusion, the arms of others either fall from your back, or they weigh you down, or they bind you fast.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“A prince must not have any other object nor any other thought... but war, its institutions, and its discipline; because that is the only art befitting one who commands.”
— Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince

“Wisdom consists of knowing how to distinguish the nature of trouble, and in choosing the lesser evil.”
Machiavelli’s book *The Prince* paved the way for the way how modern political science and leadership was studied. Machiavelli was one of the first people to feel Morality had little to do with politics. His central thesis on how to acquire and keep political power was vastly different than previous political philosophers.

You task is to choose one quote from Machiavelli’s *The Prince* and visually represent that quote with a drawing, graphic design, painting or some other form of visual media. Your quote must be visible on the visual representation and the representation must be logical to the viewer.

On the backside of the image you must explain how your representation fits the quote and explain why you believe Machiavelli is correct or incorrect in his thinking. The written portion must be at least 250 words. This is due next class period.

5 Points for Quote being visible
5 Points for Visual Representation
10 Points for written explanation.