APPLYING MACHIAVELLIAN PRINCIPALS TO THE REAL WORLD

Due Date: _____

Machiavelli had very specific views on what qualities a great leader should possess. Similarly, he warned against actions that might lose him the support of the people or the army.

Your objective is to evaluate a current world leader through the eyes of Machiavelli and his seminal work, *the Prince.* You have a choice of topics:

- Choose a world leader that you think Machiavelli would most admire and explain why. Be sure to cite the Machiavelli readings to support your answer as well as reference actions taken by that particular leader that would substantiate your claim. **OR**

- Choose a world leader that you think Machiavelli would criticize and/or disrespect. Here too, you must explain your reasoning supported by citations from the readings and references to actions taken by that leader.

You may choose any world leader but here are some suggestions:

Barack Obama	Vladimir Putin
Kim Jong-eun (North Korea)	Benjamin Netanyahu (Israel)
Bashar al-Assad (Syria)	Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi (ISIS)

Rubric:

_____/1   Heading – including full name, period & date.

_____/1   Minimum 1 complete (at least 5 sentences) paragraph & no more than 5 paragraphs.

_____/1   Maximum 1 ½ typed pages, size 12 font, single spaced (two pages maximum if double-spaced). (If digital, please be in .pdf format).

_____/2   Must contain fewer than 5 spelling or grammar errors.

_____/3   Must include relevant citations from *the Prince* – not just quotes! Explain your thoughts!

_____/3   Must include *some* relevant examples from current events. Refer to specific events!

_____/3   Focus on the question (i.e. how would Machiavelli evaluate this particular leader) Do NOT give me a detailed summary analysis of the current event associated with these leaders.

_____/2   Make sure you include a thesis statement either in your introductory or concluding paragraph!

_____/2   Provide a concluding statement that follows from or supports the information presented and articulates the implications of the significance of the explanation.