

## **Essay Assignment #2--Student Learning Goals**

- Reinforce skills learned in Essay Assignment 1: making specific, clear, arguable claims; producing cohesive paragraphs; presenting well-selected and well-contextualized evidence; developing strong warrants; refining close reading skills.
- Understand and explain the reasoning that drives Machiavelli's argument.
- Participate in the assumptions and methods of conceptual analysis: summarizing and analyzing definitions; distinguishing between concepts and examples; identifying premises (both stated and unstated) and conclusions; first developing, then condensing, arguments.
- Develop detailed transitions that explicitly outline your shift in argument.
- Write compelling conclusions that elicit thoughtful responses from your audience.
- Engage in active revision whereby the final submitted draft of your paper exhibits a careful reflection, and working through, of numerous drafts.