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## The Prince by Niccolò Machiavelli

### Short Answer Key

1. "The Prince" was intended for rulers, and its central message is to prioritize the preservation of their rule and the stability of the state.
2. "Machiavellianism" involves the use of cunning, deception, and cruelty when necessary to achieve political goals, often at the expense of conventional moral values.
3. Machiavelli emphasizes the importance of a well-maintained army for both defense and conquest to secure a ruler's power.
4. Machiavelli believes that fortune and virtue both play a role in the success of a ruler, with virtue allowing a leader to influence fortune to their advantage.
5. "The Prince" has been criticized for endorsing ruthless tactics but praised for its realistic and pragmatic guidance for leaders.

