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Answer 1 of the following questions on Machiavelli's The Prince.

① What advice does Machiavelli give to a prince for gaining and keeping power? How does his advice illustrate the notion that the ends justify the means? Do you agree or disagree with this notion?

② As described by Machiavelli, what were conditions like in Italy around the time he wrote? Why does Machiavelli make a number of references to the ancient past? What does he seem to hope will happen to Italy in the future?

Reading Assignment:  
Dedication to Lorenzo

chapters:  
I - II (1-2)  
VIII (8)  
XV - XIX (15-19)  
XXI (21)  
XXIII (23)  
XXV - XXVI (25-26)



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