Machiavelli

Describe at least three qualities of a good leader:

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List as many examples as you can think of who fit this description:

Describe at least three qualities of a bad leader:

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List as many examples as you can think of who fit this description:

What does the phrase “the end justifies the means” mean to you?

Video questions:

1. What were Machiavelli's three rules of thumb for leaders?

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2. What was the theme (main message) of Machiavelli's "The Prince"?

3. According to Machiavelli, if a prince wanted to play the political game successfully, what must he be prepared to do?

“It seems as though more and more people are interested only in results, not in how the results are achieved. If the results are what they want, people don’t care who is hurt or what is done to get them. These people seem to believe that the end justifies the means.”

 *– Author unknown*

ASSIGNMENT: What is your opinion of the idea that the end justifies the means? Plan and write a paragraph response answering the question using evidence from your notes. Be sure to include a thesis statement, 3-5 pieces of evidence, and a conclusion. Support your opinion with specific evidence taken from your personal experience, your observations of others, or your reading.

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