

"the prince" by niccolo machiavelli assignment

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The Book of the Courtier, you notice they are both how-to guides for Princes, royalty in general, and nobility. However, there are some very distinct differences in the philosophy of Niccolò Machiavelli and Balderrash Castigation. Castigation advises his readers to practice all things with nonchalance, and things will fall in their place. He also put high importance on knowledge, gracefulness, and appearance.

Machiavelli agrees with Castigation on some issues, but on others, they strongly differ. Knowledge of arms and military is necessary for any Courtier or Prince. The Book of the Courtier advises military might be exercised with vigor often to win a favorable reputation. The prince will only be secure when he can raise his own army to defend against all comers. Machiavelli advises that a Prince should study war, read history, and know his land. The public appearance of a Prince in the community was different in The Prince as it was in The Book of the Courtier.

Castigation wished a Courtier to be pleasing at first sight, and lovable to all who see him. Opposing that view, Machiavelli thought a Prince needed to destroy all resistance, using cruelty to be secure. The Prince cautions a Prince must also appear to be good, but know how to be evil. The following excerpt from The Prince contrasts the result of taking Machiavellian advice, "You can gain an empire by slaying citizens, deceiving friends, and being cruel, but you cannot obtain glory in that manner. "

Going about securing an empire once obtained is also told differently by the two authors. Castigation's advice is mostly about the importance of reputation and favor by the people. His suggestion is to gain favor by

remaining humble. Being the bearer of bad news is never good when trying to earn the favor of those around you. Machiavelli has several ideas about securing an empire that are very blunt, but true. A Prince would encourage art and craft, use only capable servants, and keep them under control if following Machiavelli.

Both authors have two almost totally opposite theories of how to obtain and secure a position of royalty. Machiavellian ideas are more cruel, violent, and suppressive in nature. Castigation is almost completely opposite in his theories of a mostly peaceful rule. A Prince/noble himself must select what route he wishes to take by personal preference in deciding what kind of Prince/noble he will become. " The Prince" by Niccole Machiavelli vs... " Book of the Courtier" by Balderdash Castigation. By bayou