**Humanities 3**  
Zroka—Fall 2017

**Essay Assignment One**

Essays are due at the beginning of lecture on **Tuesday, October 31**. The essay should be a minimum of five full pages in length (not more than seven) in the Humanities format* and a counterargument is required.

Respond to one of the following prompts:

1. Compare or contrast how two of the three authors (More, Machiavelli, Marlowe) would respond to the following statement: “The quest for human knowledge is ultimately a destructive enterprise.”

2. Compare or contrast how two of the three authors (More, Machiavelli, Marlowe) would respond to the following statement: “Humans have very little power to change themselves and the world around them.”

3. Machiavelli’s advice in *The Prince* can be used as a model to judge not only the actions of princes, but also human action in general. In *Dr. Faustus*, we read of a man who pursues not the reign over a principality, but another kind of power, that of magic. Using the model provided by Machiavelli, answer the following question: Would Machiavelli judge Dr. Faustus’s actions to be praiseworthy or blameworthy? Why or why not?

Submit a paper copy of your essay to your TA in a plain manila folder with your name on it. Include all your previous Humanities papers in the folder. Before submitting a paper copy at lecture, you must submit an electronic copy to [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) for text-similarity review. Information about that will be distributed and discussed in section by your TA.

**Late Essays:** One day late is -10% (one letter grade). Two days late, -20% (two letter grades). Papers will not be accepted after two days.

*All handouts are available in the *Humanities Custom Handbook* and online ([http://revelle.ucsd.edu/humanities/resources/writing-resources.html](http://revelle.ucsd.edu/humanities/resources/writing-resources.html)).