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# **Niccolò Machiavelli** (1469-1527)

(a.k.a. Machiavel; b. Florence, son of a jurist, humanist education; Florentine diplomat and political theorist, public servant for the Florentine republic 1598-1512, lost position after the return of the Medici family; advocate of strategic deception and manipulation of public opinion, jailed in Florence and exile, released at the intercession of a Medici pope, Leo X; retired to write in the country at Sant'Andrea in Percussina; pardoned 1521, again accused of conspiracy vs. Medicis; tortured, released and diplomat; won lottery, worked on translation of Polybius; writer of the history of Florence at the instance of Medici pope Julius II, d. Florence)

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