

Renaissance Literature



Sir Thomas More & *Utopia*

- Wrote *Utopia* (about perfect society)
 - Everyone governed by reason/logic, equality among all people, free education, and no private property
- Chancellor of England & advisor to King Henry VIII
 - (To be discussed in more detail during Reformation)
 - Advised Henry VIII to pass **Act of Supremacy**
 - Later beheaded by Henry VIII

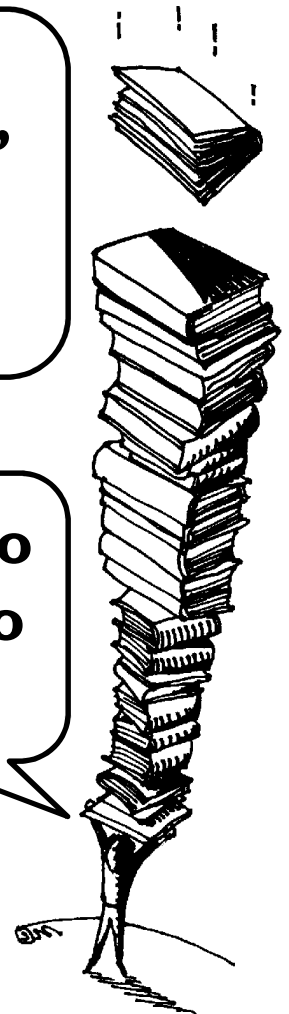
William Shakespeare

- Known as “The Bard” because he...
 - wrote
 - and **wrote**
 - **AND WROTE**



Mwahaha!
Puny student,
you have to
read ALL of
my works!!!

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William Shakespeare

- Wrote hundreds of love poems in the form of **sonnets**

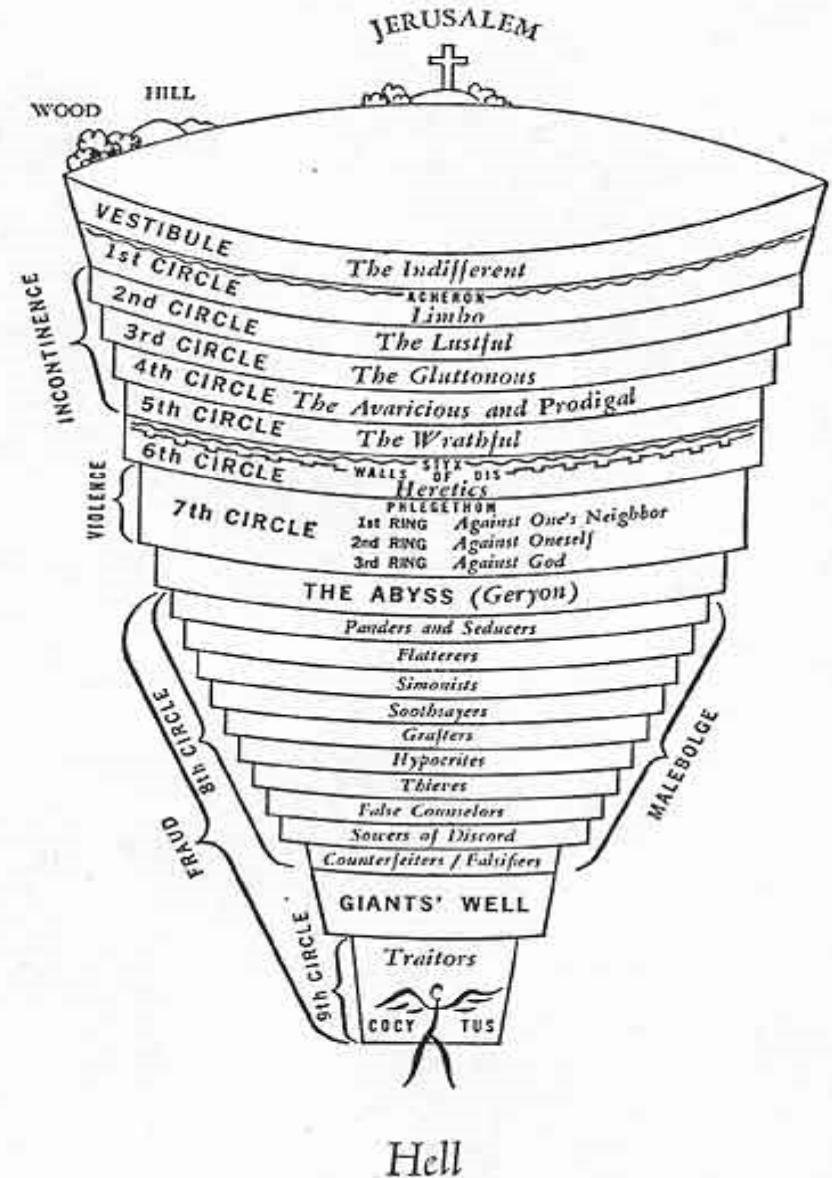
- Best known for plays:

Romeo & Juliet *Othello*

Hamlet *The Merchant of Venice*

Dante's *Divine Comedy*

- Journey through:
 - Hell, Purgatory,
 - Heaven
- Written in the **vernacular**
 - Significant b/c...



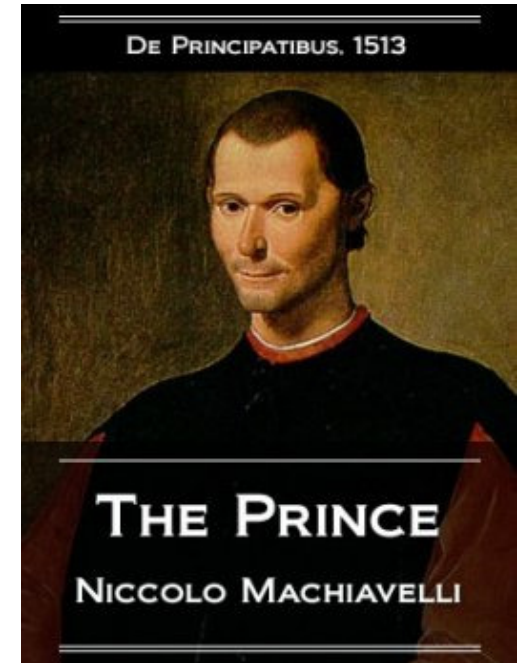
Miguel Cervantes' *Don Quixote*

- Father of Spanish literature
- Wrote *Don Quixote*
 - First modern novel
 - Made fun of Middle Ages & chivalry



Machiavelli's *The Prince*

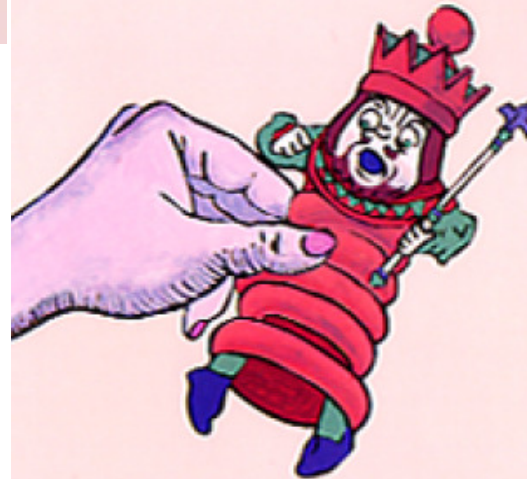
- Book on how to rule people
- “The ends justify the means”



You're better off
having people scared of you
than liking you.



Now, it's okay if people are
scared of you. Just make sure
they don't hate you.



Make sure you only let people
see you doing stuff where you
come off looking really good.



Review: Matching

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| 1. Shakespeare | a) <i>The Prince</i> |
| 2. Dante | b) <i>Utopia</i> |
| 3. Cervantes | c) <i>Hamlet</i> |
| 4. Machiavelli | d) <i>Don Quixote</i> |
| 5. Sir Thomas More | e) <i>Divine Comedy</i> |