

Essay 1:

I remember it like it was yesterday. In the high school dance classroom, we all had our iPod earphones in our ears trying to pick a song to choreograph moves to so that we could have a chance to be in the dancer's showcase. As a dancer, you do not want to do any dance moves in front of your competition because they may strip you of your moves and pass them off as their own. Then when it comes time for you to show the dance instructor what you have come up with for your dance piece, your dance looks the same as the person(s) before you only with different music and you look like a complete copycat.

Essay 2:

Niccolo Machiavelli was many things in his public life. He was a political writer, a playwright and a historian. Many of Machiavelli's writings focus on two aspects: one's fortune and one's virtues. He has much to say about both in his essay, "The Qualities of the Prince." When The Prince first began to circulate, there were few who understood its content. Furthermore, there were many who considered it an evil work produced by a vindictive author. Just prior to his death, Machiavelli would tell some of his closest friends that he would rather spend an eternity in Hell with great politicians than an eternity in Heaven with saints (Viroli).