Machiavelli

1. When was Machiavelli alive and writing?
2. Who was he?
3. Where did he live and write?
4. What is the title of Machiavelli’s most famous publication?
5. What were some of Machiavelli’s controversial ideas about how a ruler should behave?
6. What did Machiavelli come to represent for the Jacobeans?
7. What are some of the typical features of a Machiavellian villain in Elizabethan and Jacobean plays?
8. In what ways can Macbeth be seen as a Machiavellian character? Refer closely to the play.
9. In what ways is he not Machiavellian?
10. Find three quotations from the play that link to ideas about Machiavelli and explain why you have chosen these.