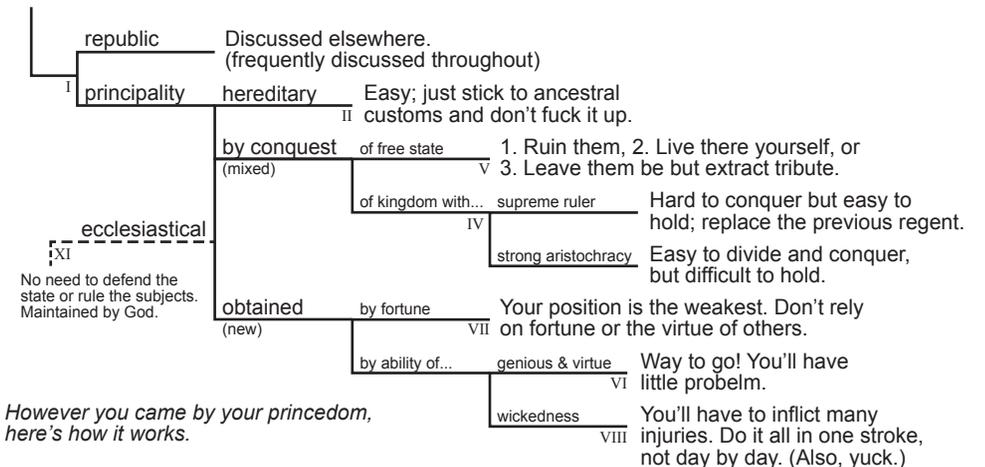


The Prince by Niccolò Machiavelli

"So it happens with fortune, who shows her power where valour has not prepared to resist her, and thither she turns her forces where she knows that barriers and defences have not been raised to constrain her." (ch. XXV)

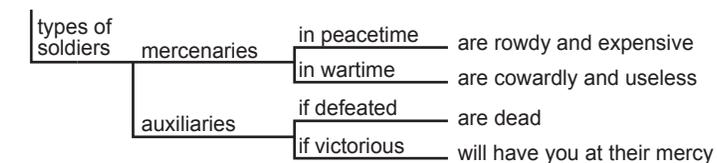
"...fortune is a woman, and if you wish to keep her under it is necessary to beat and ill-use her; and it is seen that she allows herself to be mastered by the adventurous rather than by those who go to work more coldly." (ch. XXV)

The dominions of man (ch. I-VIII)



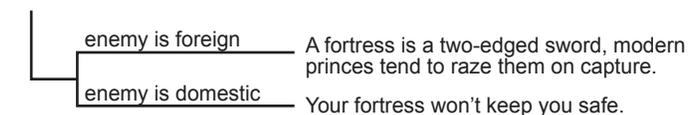
However you came by your principedom, here's how it works.

Organizing your military (ch. XII-XIII)



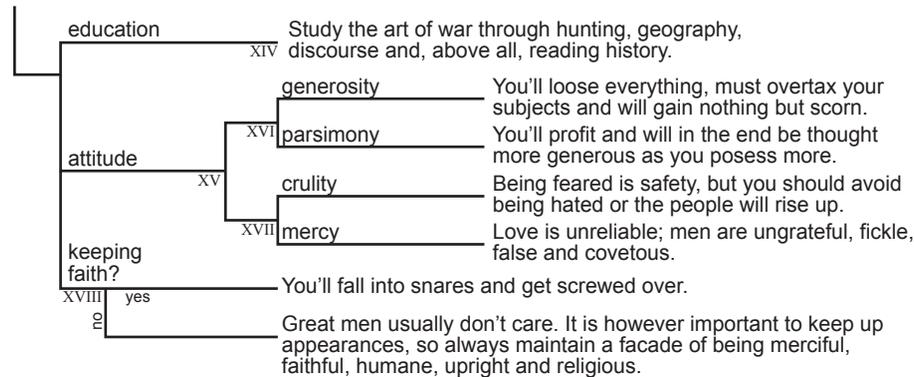
Build and maintain your own militia.

Whether to build fortresses (ch. XX)



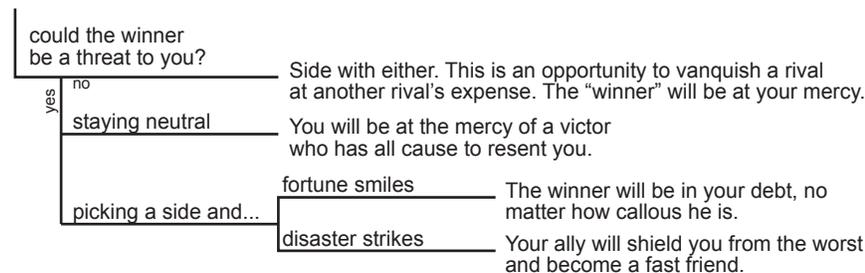
Probably not worth it.

The Prince himself (ch. XX)



Study war, be frugal and cruel as needed, keep your word if it suits you but always keep up an appearance of being good.

Taking side in a conflict (ch. XXI)

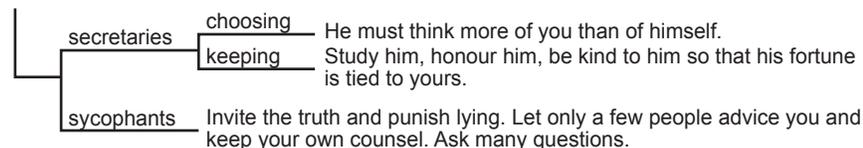


Boldly declare your support for one side!

The three intelligences (ch. XXII)

1. Understands a thing for itself - excellent!
2. Understands what others can understand - good.
3. Understands nothing - useless.

Dealing with your people (ch. XXII-XXIII)



Having the right people around is crucial. Trust no one but yourself though.