

Essay One
Hum 3 – Fall 2009 – Rutherford

Essay, 5-6 pages, in Hum format, due at the beginning of lecture, Monday, October 26. Answer one of the following questions.

1. Answer the following question clearly, in detail, with textual evidence. "Las Casas would have made a more convincing case against the actions of the Spanish in the New World if he had relied on the arguments of Erasmus' *A Complaint of Peace*." Do you agree?
2. Answer the following question clearly, in detail, with textual evidence. Does Machiavelli draw a consistent, principled distinction between those like Cesare Borgia who achieve and hold power through prowess and those like Agathocles who achieve and hold power through crime?
3. Answer the following question clearly, in detail, with textual evidence. Can the distinction between Machiavelli's and Erasmus's attitudes toward war be attributed to different conceptions of human nature? Why or why not?

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