AP European History Summer Reading

By the end of the summer complete a CAREFUL reading of the following two books:

_The Prince_, By Niccolo Machiavelli, trans by Harvey Mansfield – Translation REQUIRED
http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/prince-niccolo-machiavelli/1100151748?ean=9780226500447

_The Utopia_, By Thomas More, trans by David Wootton – Translation RECOMMENDED
http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/utopia-st-thomas-more/1116811923?ean=9780872203761

Be sure to read the letter to Francesco Vettori included in the translation I selected of _The Prince_.

The introductions to both books and the footnotes to each will be quite helpful in understanding the texts. Though the books are short, they can be difficult to read quickly, so do not put them off until the last minute of the summer. Students usually find Book II of the _Utopia_ more interesting than Book I, so don’t give up on it. Approximately two weeks after returning from school there will be a graded discussion on the books followed by an essay assignment asking students to compare themes found in both books, so read with attention to comparisons and contrasts between the books. The books will be representative of the difficulty level of AP European History and will be a good indication of preparedness for the course.