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KEY CONCEPTS OF THE RENAISSANCE



**Major Italian Cities -
Florence, Genoa, and Venice**

- * Had access to trade routes connecting Europe with markets in the Middle East
- * Served as trading centers for the distribution of goods to northern Europe
- * Were initially independent city-states governed as republics



**Machiavelli's
*The Prince***

- * An early modern treatise on government
- * Supported absolute power of the ruler
- * Maintains that the end justifies the means
- * Advises that one should do good if possible, but do evil when necessary