

Reading Skill

ANALYZE AUTHOR’S PERSPECTIVE

An **author’s perspective** is the combination of beliefs, values, and feelings through which a writer views a subject.

Directions: As you read the selection, use this chart to identify how Machiavelli’s perspective is revealed in his statements, tone, and descriptions of people and events. An example has been done for you.

Statement, Tone, or Description	What It Reveals About Perspective
“He who <i>abandons</i> what is done for what ought to be done, will . . . bring about his own ruin”	Machiavelli values practical results, not ideals.