Paper 4

*All’s Fair in Love & War*

- The week of **October 28**th, you will bring to your conference meeting a clearly focused thesis statement and an outline for Paper 4.
- The typed draft (500-750 words), due on peer review day, **November 4**th, should be an organized, well-developed essay.
- The final essay (750-1000 words), revised with the help of feedback received from peer review, will be due **November 13**th.

**Prompt 1**

*Take me to Your Leader: de Pizan and Machiavelli*

Consider the writings of Christine de Pizan and Nicholas Machiavelli—both texts present arguments as to what makes an effective leader. Choose one of these writers (or compare the two) and discuss their ideology (or ideologies) in terms of contemporary values—either agree or disagree (or both) with their perspective(s) on leadership. Can their principles be applied to our lives today? Why or why not?

**OR**

**Prompt 2**

*#TheArtOfWar*

Apply Sun Tzu’s military strategy to another area of expertise (this could be anything from dating to how to be cool to social media to business strategy). Construct a paper that argues why his methods would be effective if applied to your chosen subject.

**OR**

**Prompt 3**

*Sink or Swim: Lifeboat Ethics*

Read Garrett Hardin’s “Lifeboat Ethics: The Case of Helping the Poor” (RW 357-366). Do you agree or disagree with his theory? Why or why not? Prove your argument by applying principles from the text to examples from your everyday life.

**The paper should meet the following additional requirements:**

- The paper should contain an introduction that states a clear thesis or main argument.
- The paper should have 3-4 body paragraphs that include concrete illustrations.
- Your concrete illustrations should include personal experiences or specific examples from our readings and class discussions.
- You may use the first person (*I*) if you are writing about a personal example or experience.
- Do not use the second person (*you*).