



### **Machiavellian Characteristics in *Richard III***

- A strong personality with high intelligence, good acting skills, brave as a lion and crafty as a fox.
- Ability to understand the psychology of others (weak points, secret desires)
- Lacking ethical values (Being false, deceptive, treacherous and a hypocrite) and using cunning and deceitful tactics in politics such as fraud, violence and crime. E.g. Exploitation of religion (appearing as a man of religion, good faith and compassion)
- Excellent Rhetorical skill (the ability to speak well), the ability to persuade and manipulate others.

See. Machiavelli's *The Prince*