

LITERATURE, ETHICS, AND AUTHORITY
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Class #9: Wednesday 7 March 2001

Review:

Robert Bolt, *A Man for All Seasons*

Read:

James Madison, "Federalist 10," in Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay, The Federalist Papers

Study Questions:

1. More, Wolsey, Henry VIII – all hold leadership positions: can you generalize about the role of the leader, based on their example?
2. "I believe, when statesmen forsake their own private conscience for the sake of their public duties . . . they lead their country by a short route to chaos" (p. 22). Can the same be said of businesspeople, or managers? Or is the statement true in neither case?
3. How does "Federalist 10" comment on the action of *A Man for All Seasons*? What political problems does Madison seek to address in this essay, and how might you characterize his solution?

* First Paper Due.