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SPRING HISTORY SEMINAR READING LIST

Monday and Thursday 7:30 – 9:30 PM

The reading assignment for the first seminar should be completed before the first class meeting.

Week One

1. Herodotus' *Histories*, Books I, III 37-8, V 62-78 (94 pp)
2. *Histories*, Books VI 94-140; VII 1-60 and 99-end (94 pp)

Week Two

3. *Histories*, Books VIII-IX (100 pp)
4. Thucydides, *Peloponnesian War*, Books I, II 1-46 (106 pp)

Week Three

5. *Peloponnesian War*, Books II 47-65, III 1-87, IV 1-74 (100 pp)
6. *Peloponnesian War*, Books IV 75-end, V 1-24 and 86-116, VI 1-32 (74 pp)

Week Four

7. *Peloponnesian War*, Books VI 32-105, VII (all), VIII 1-18 (107 pp)
8. Livy, Early *History of Rome*, pages 29-147 of Penguin edition

Week Five

9. Polybius, *Histories* (The Rise of the Roman Empire), Books I 1-4, III 1-35, 39-75, VI 2-18 and 43-58 (101 pp in the Penguin edition)
10. Plutarch, Caesar

Week Six

11. Plutarch, Cato *the Younger*
12. Tacitus, Annals, Books I-III (chapters 1 – 6)

Week Seven

13. *Annals*, Books IV-VI (chapters 7 – 8)
14. Montesquieu: *Considerations on the Causes of the Greatness of the Romans and their Decline* (translated by David Lowenthal), chapters 1-8, pp 23-89.

Week Eight

15. *Considerations on the Causes of the Greatness of the Romans and their Decline,* chapters 9-16, pp 89-156.
16. *Considerations on the Causes of the Greatness of the Romans and their Decline,* chapters 17-23, pp 157-220.

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SPRING HISTORY TUTORIAL READING LIST - Monday and Thursday 5:00 — 6:15 PM

Week One – 2 meetings

1. Augustine, *City of God,* Preface; XI 1-8; XII 10-15; XV 1-8, 26, 27
2. *City of God,* XVI, 4,5,11,12,16-18,43; XVII, 1-3; XVIII 1,2,22,37-46; XIX 24-26

Weeks Two Through Four – 6 meetings

1. Vico, *New Science,* paragraphs 119-247
2. *New Science,* paragraphs 283-315, 326-373
3. *New Science,* paragraphs 374-455
4. *New Science,* paragraphs 502-569
5. *New Science,* paragraphs 582-598, 629-661
6. *New Science,* paragraphs 1046-1112

Week Five – 2 meetings

1. Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality,* Letter to the Republic of Geneva, Part One (including Rousseau's footnotes)
2. *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality,* Part Two (including Rousseau's footnotes)

Week Six – 2 meetings

1. Kant, "Idea of a Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Intent" (in *Political Writings,* Cambridge)
2. Kant, "Perpetual Peace" (in *Political Writings,* Cambridge)

Week Seven – 2 meetings

1. Herder, *Ideas Toward the Philosophy of the History of Mankind,* Book VII, 1-2, VIII 1-2,5 (photocopy)
2. *Ideas Toward the Philosophy of the History of Mankind,* Book XV (photocopy)

Weeks Eight through Eleven – 8 meetings

1. Hegel, *Philosophy of History,* pages 198-222 (Prometheus paperback edition)
2. *Philosophy of History,* pages 222-240
3. *Philosophy of History,* pages 241-256
4. *Philosophy of History,* pages 256-277
5. *Philosophy of History,* pages 1-25
6. *Philosophy of History,* pages 25-54
7. *Philosophy of History,* pages 54-79
8. Tolstoy, *War and Peace,* Second Epilogue

Week Twelve – 2 meetings

1. Marx, *The German Ideology,* Preface, A, B (International Publishers edition)
2. Marx, *The German Ideology,* C, D

Week Thirteen – 2 meetings

1. Nietzsche, *On the Advantage and Disadvantage of History for Life,* Preface, sections 1-5
2. *On the Advantage and Disadvantage of History for Life,* sections 6-10

Week Fourteen – 2 meetings

1. Collingwood, *Autobiography,* chapters 1-8
2. *Autobiography,* chapters 9-12

Week Fifteen – 2 meetings

1. Weber, "Science as a Vocation" (in *The Vocation Lectures,* Hackett edition)
2. Husserl, "The Vienna Lecture" (in *The Crisis of the European Sciences,* Northwestern U. Press)

Week Sixteen – 2 meetings

1. Heidegger, "Address: The Principle of Reason" (in *The Principle of Reason,* Indiana U. Press)
2. Strauss, "Political Philosophy and History" (in *What is Political Philosophy?* U. of Chicago Press*)*

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