SEMERN READING LIST – FALL / SPRING
Monday and Thursday 7:30–9:30 p.m.

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

Week One
1. Herodotus: Histories, Book I; III 37–38; V 62–78 (~95 pages)
2. Histories, Book VI 94–140; VII 1–60, 99–end (~95 pages)

Week Two
3. Histories, Books VIII–IX (~100 pages)
4. Thucydides: History of the Peloponnesian War, Book I; II 1–46 (~105 pages)

Week Three
5. History of the Peloponnesian War, Book II 47–65; III 1–87; IV 1–74 (~100 pages)
6. History of the Peloponnesian War, Book IV 75–end; V 1–26, 84–116; VI 1–32 (~75 pages)

Week Four
7. History of the Peloponnesian War, Book VI 33–105; VII; VIII 1–18 (~105 pages)

Week Five
9. Polybius: Histories (The Rise of the Roman Empire), Book I 1–4; III 1–35, 39–75; VI 2–18, 43–58 (~100 pages)

Week Six
11. Plutarch: Cato the Younger
12. Tacitus: Annals, Books I–III (designated Chapters 1–6 in the Michael Grant translation)

Week Seven
13. Annals, Books IV–VI (designated Chapters 7 & 8 in the Michael Grant translation)
14. Montesquieu: Considerations on the Causes of the Greatness of the Romans and their Decline, translated by David Lowenthal (Hackett), Chapters 1–8, pages 23–89

Week Eight
15. Considerations on the Causes of the Greatness of the Romans and their Decline, Chapters 9–16, pages 89–156

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TUTORIAL READING LIST – FALL / SPRING
Monday and Thursday 5–6:15 p.m.

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

Week One
1. Augustine: City of God, Preface; Book XI 1–8; XII 10–15; XV 1–8, 26, 27
2. City of God, Book XVI 4–6, 11, 12, 16–18, 43; XVII 1–3; XVIII 1, 2, 22, 37–46; XIX 24–26

Weeks Two–Four
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. Discourse on the Origin of Inequality, Part Two (read Rousseau’s own footnotes for both Parts)

Week Six
2. Kant: “Perpetual Peace” in Political Writings (Cambridge)

Week Seven
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–Eleven
1. Hegel: Philosophy of History, pages 198–222
   (Dover 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. The German Ideology, Sections C & D

Week Thirteen
1. Nietzsche: On the Advantage and Disadvantage of History for Life, Preface, Sections 1–3
2. On the Advantage and Disadvantage of History for Life, Sections 4–7

Week Fourteen
1. On the Advantage and Disadvantage of History for Life, Sections 8–10

Week Fifteen

Week Sixteen

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