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# History

## HISTORY SEMINAR 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)
8. Livy: *Early History of Rome*, Book I (in its entirety) and Book II, Chapters 1 – 33 (coincides with pages 29 – 147 of 2002 Penguin edition)

### 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)
10. Plutarch: *Lives of the Noble Greeks and Romans*, “Caesar”

### WEEK SIX

11. Plutarch: *Lives of the Noble Greeks and Romans*, “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), 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
16. *Considerations on the Causes of the Greatness of the Romans and their Decline*, Chapters 17 – 23, pages 157 – 220



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## HISTORY TUTORIAL READING LIST – FALL / SPRING

Monday and Thursday 5:00 – 6:15 PM

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### 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

### WEEK TWO – FOUR

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

1. Rousseau: *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality*, Letter to the Republic of Geneva, Part One
2. *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality*, Part Two (read Rousseau's own footnotes for both Parts)

### WEEK SIX

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

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

1. Marx: *The German Ideology*, Preface, Sections A & B (International Publishers edition)
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
2. Collingwood: "Human Nature and Human History" in *The Idea of History*

### WEEK FIFTEEN

1. Husserl: "The Vienna Lecture" in *The Crisis of the European Sciences* (Northwestern U. Press)
2. Heidegger: "The Age of the World Picture" in *The Question Concerning Technology* (Appendices per tutor)

### WEEK SIXTEEN

1. Strauss: "What Is Political Philosophy?" Part 1 in *What Is Political Philosophy?* (U. of Chicago Press)
2. "What Is Political Philosophy?" Parts 2 & 3 in *What Is Political Philosophy?* (U. of Chicago Press)