

Eastern Classics Preceptorial

Title: *Mahābhārata*

Texts:

van Buitenen, J.A.B., tr., *Mahabharata*, University of Chicago Press:

- Volume 1, *The Book of the Beginning*
ISBN: 9780226846637
- Volume 2, *The Book of the Assembly Hall, The Book of the Forest*
ISBN: 9780226846644
- Volume 3, *The Book of Virata, The Book of the Effort*
ISBN: 9780226846651

Johnson, W. J., tr., Oxford World's Classic

- *The Sauptikaparvan of the Mahabharata**
ISBN: 978-0192823618
**The Sauptikaparvan* is out of print, but photocopies are available in our Bookstore.

Readings

1. *The Book of the Beginning*, pp.19-63 (Lists – Puloman) .
2. pp.63-123 (Astika)
3. pp.123-210 (The Descent – Latter Days of Yayati) (pp. 145-154 may be skimmed quickly)
4. pp.210-73 (Latter Days of Yayati – The Origins)
5. pp.274-344 (The Fire in the Lacquer House – Citraratha concluded)
6. pp.344-405 (Draupadi's Bridegroom Choice – Arjuna's Sojourn in the Forest)
7. pp.405-31 (the Abduction of Subhadra – Burning of the Khandava Forest):
discussion of whole of Book 1.
8. *The Book of the Assembly Hall*: Read italicized summaries pp.33-106, then read whole pp.106-69 (The Dicing – The Sequel to the Dicing). At this point

note that the *Sauptikaparvan* volume has narrative summaries in the back; read summary for Book 4, *The Book of Virata*.

9. *The Book of the Effort*, pp.187-254 (Embassy of Samjaya)
10. pp.254-94 (Dhrtarastra's Vigil – Sanatsujata)
11. pp.294-339 (The Suing for Peace)
12. pp.344-82 (The Coming of the Lord); 415-442 (The Coming of the Lord. continued)
13. In Volume 3, *The Book of the Forest*, 780-795 (The Robbing of the Earrings), then *The Book of the Effort*, pp. 442-461 (The Temptation of Karna)
14. *The Book of the Effort*, pp.461-532 (The Marching Out – Amba)
15. *The Saupthikaparvan*: read Summaries in Appendix, then main text pp.5-86)