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# History

## SEMINAR READING LIST – SUMMER Monday and Thursday 7–9 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: *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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## TUTORIAL READING LIST – SUMMER Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 4:15–5:30 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
3. Vico: *New Science*, paragraphs 119–247
4. *New Science*, paragraphs 283–315, 326–373

### Week Two

1. *New Science*, paragraphs 374–455
2. *New Science*, paragraphs 502–569
3. *New Science*, paragraphs 582–598, 629–661
4. *New Science*, paragraphs 1046–1112

### Week Three

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)
3. Kant: "Idea of a Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Intent" in *Political Writings* (Cambridge)
4. Kant: "Perpetual Peace" in *Political Writings* (Cambridge)

### Week Four

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)
3. Hegel: *Philosophy of History*, pages 198–222 (Dover paperback edition)
4. *Philosophy of History*, pages 222–240

### Week Five

1. *Philosophy of History*, pages 241–256
2. *Philosophy of History*, pages 256–277
3. *Philosophy of History*, pages 1–25
4. *Philosophy of History*, pages 25–54

### Week Six

1. *Philosophy of History*, pages 54–79
2. Tolstoy: *War and Peace*, Second Epilogue
3. Marx: *The German Ideology*, Preface, Sections A & B (International Publishers edition)
4. *The German Ideology*, Sections C & D

### Week Seven

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
3. *On the Advantage and Disadvantage of History for Life*, Sections 8–10
4. Collingwood: "Human Nature and Human History" in *The Idea of History*

### Week Eight

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

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