

LECTURE SCHEDULE -- SECTION I: The Ancient World

Coordinator: E. Diamond

TIME	TOPIC	READ
Wed, 7 Sept K. Fraser	Introduction to the Programme Ancient Near East: Mesopotamia	“Introduction” to Section I, <i>FYP Handbook</i> ; Map of Early Mesopotamia and Textual Evidence of “Gilgamesh” (M1); <i>The Epic of Gilgamesh</i> ; <i>The Akkadian Creation Epic</i> (M2); Map of Ancient Egypt (M3)
Thurs, 8 Sept D. Brandes	The Hebrew Bible I: Creation	<i>The Bible</i> , Genesis 1-4
Fri, 9 Sept P. O’Brien	Greek Epic I: Homer’s <i>Iliad</i>	Homer, <i>The Iliad</i> , Books 1-8. Lecture will focus on: Book 1; Book 2, lines 1-54; 226-300; 472-521; 873-932; Book 3; Book 4, lines 1-238; 450-494; Book 5; Book 6; Book 8, lines 1-82; 375 to end
Mon, 12 Sept P. O’Brien	Greek Epic II: Homer’s <i>Iliad</i>	Homer, <i>The Iliad</i> , Books 9-16. Lecture will focus on: Book 9, lines 186 to end; Book 10; Book 11, lines 1-316; 632-728; 806-890; Book 12, lines 1-45; 259 to end; Book 13, lines 1-69; 837 to end; Book 14, lines 149-359; Book 15, lines 1-284; 621-657; 712 to end; Book 16, lines 1-317, 381-430; 455-585; 666 to end
Wed, 14 Sept P. O’Brien	Greek Epic III: Homer’s <i>Iliad</i>	Homer, <i>The Iliad</i> , Books 17-24. Lecture will focus on Books 18-24
Thurs, 15 Sept E. Diamond / D. Brandes	The Poetry of Human and Divine Love in the Greek and Jewish Traditions: Sappho’s Lyric and the Song of Songs	Sappho, <i>If Not Winter: Fragments of Sappho</i> (focus on fragments 1, 2, 5, 16, 17, 31, 44, 47, 48, 55-58, 94, 112, 130, 132, 137, 141); Supplementary Fragments (M4); <i>The Bible</i> : Song of Solomon
Fri, 16 Sept D. Brandes	The Hebrew Bible II: Covenant	<i>The Bible</i> : Genesis 12-13, 17-18, 22, and Exodus 19-20
Mon, 19 Sept E. Diamond	Greek Tragedy: Sophocles, <i>Antigone</i>	Sophocles, <i>Antigone</i> ; Aristotle, <i>Poetics</i> , Selections (M5)
Wed, 21 Sept E. Diamond	Greek Comedy: Aristophanes’ <i>Birds</i>	Aristophanes, <i>Birds</i>
Thurs, 22 Sept E. Varto	Thucydides’ History of the Peloponnesian War	Thucydides, <i>History of the Peloponnesian War</i> , Selections (M6)
Fri, 23 Sept E. Diamond	Socrates and Plato: Introduction	Plato, <i>Apology</i> , Selection (M7); Plato, <i>Theaetetus</i> , Selection (M8); Plato, <i>The Republic</i> (Sun, Line, Cave images), Selection (M9); read prologue to <i>Symposium</i> (172a-174a)
Mon, 26 Sept E. Diamond	Plato II: <i>Symposium</i>	Plato, <i>Symposium</i> (While students should read the whole dialogue, the focus of the lecture will be on the speeches by Phaedrus, Pausanias, Eryximachus, and Aristophanes)
Wed, 28 Sept E. Diamond	Plato III: <i>Symposium</i>	Plato, <i>Symposium</i> (While students should RE-read the whole dialogue, the focus of the lecture will be on the speeches by Agathon, Socrates, and Alcibiades)
Thurs, 29 Sept E. Diamond	Aristotle I: Theoretical Philosophy	Aristotle, <i>Metaphysics</i> , Selection (M10); Aristotle, <i>Parts of Animals</i> , Selection (M11)
Fri, 30 Sept N. Robertson	Aristotle II: Practical Philosophy	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Selection (M12)
Mon, 3 Oct P. O’Brien	Virgil and the Roman Empire I	Virgil, <i>The Aeneid</i> , Books I, II, IV; Polybius, “An Analysis of the Roman Constitution,” Selection (M13) N.B. Please read the brief italicized book summaries of Books III and V in the book’s introduction (pp. x-xliv) for all the books not assigned, and note the helpful map at the back
Wed, 5 Oct P. O’Brien	Virgil and the Roman Empire II	Virgil, <i>The Aeneid</i> , Book VI; Book VII (West, pp. 141-159); Book VIII (West, pp. 182-186); Book X, 1-118; 439-545 (West, pp. 224-227); Book XII, 650 to end (West, pp. 282-290). N.B. Please read the brief italicized book summaries of Books VII-XII in the book’s introduction (pp. x-xliv), and note the helpful appendices on Books VI and VIII in the back
Thurs, 6 Oct M. Bennett	Roman Stoicism: Philosopher-Slave & Philosopher-Emperor	Epictetus, <i>Encheiridion</i> , Selections (M14); Marcus Aurelius, <i>Meditations</i> , II. 1-5, 16-17; IV. 3-4, 23-24, 29, 32, 49; V. 16, 24-27; VI. 12-16, 38-44; VII. 64; VIII. 3, 48-51, 54-57; X. 11, 15, 25, 34-37; XI. 1-6; XII. 24, 30, 36
Fri, 7 Oct K. Fraser	Late Pagan Spirituality and the Quest for Salvation	Plotinus, <i>Ennead</i> V.1, Selection (M15); <i>A secret dialogue of Hermes Trismegistus</i> , Selection (M16) and <i>That the greatest evil in mankind is ignorance concerning god</i> , Selection (M17)

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