

Schedule of Readings and Assignments

For each meeting, please come into class having read and thought about the readings assigned for that class.

Readings listed with the book icon (📖) are from the assigned textbook, Mathisen, *Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations*, 3d Edition.

Everything listed under each meeting—the textbook readings, *Gilgamesh*, and *Clouds*—is fair game for the quizzes we'll have at the start of some meetings.

August 2024						
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September 2024						
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December 2024						
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BEGINNINGS

1 Introduction and Themes

Thursday, August 29

- 📖 pp. 3-5, "Laying the Groundwork"
- 📖 pp. 5-13, "The Palaeolithic Age (2,000,000–10,000 BCE)"

2 The Origins of Civilization

Tuesday, September 3

- 📖 pp. 13-24, "The Neolithic World (8000–5500 BCE)"
- 📖 pp. 24-33, "The Chalcolithic Period (5500–2000 BCE)"

THE BRONZE AGE

3 Mesopotamia

Thursday, September 5

- 📖 pp. 37-45, "The Origins of Mesopotamian Civilization (6000–3000 BCE)"
- 📖 pp. 45-52, "The Rise of Sumerian Civilization"
- 📖 *Gilgamesh*, Introduction
- 📖 *Gilgamesh*, Table 1: The Coming of Enkidu

4 Sumer

Tuesday, September 10

- 📖 pp. 52-60, "Historical Sumer (3000–2300 BCE)"
- 📖 *Gilgamesh*, Table 2: The Taming of Enkidu

5 Semitic Mesopotamia

Thursday, September 12

- 📖 pp. 60-75, "The Semitic Peoples and the First Near Eastern Empires (2300–1200 BCE)"
- 📖 *Gilgamesh*, Table 5: The Combat with Humbaba

6 God-Kings of Egypt

Tuesday, September 17

- 📖 pp. 77-84, "Before The Pharaohs (5000–3000 BCE)"
- 📖 pp. 84-92, "The Early Dynastic Period (3000–2700 BCE)"
- 📖 *Gilgamesh*, Table 6: Ishtar and the Bull of Heaven

7 Egyptian Empires

Thursday, September 19

- 📖 pp. 92-97, "The Old Kingdom (2700–2200 BCE)"
- 📖 pp. 97-103, "The Middle Kingdom (2050–1786 BCE)"
- 📖 pp. 103-109, "The New Kingdom (1534–1070 BCE)"
- 📖 *Gilgamesh*, Table 7: The Death of Enkidu

8 The Bronze Age Aegean

Tuesday, September 24

- 📖 pp. 111-113, "Early Civilizations of the Levant (2500–1500 BCE)"
- 📖 pp. 113-125, "Aegean Civilizations (3000–1100 BCE)"
- 📖 *Gilgamesh*, Table 11: Immortality Denied

THE IRON AGE

9 Dawn of the Iron Age

Thursday, September 26

- 📖 pp. 125-131, "The Iron Age In The Eastern Mediterranean (1200–800 BCE)"
- 📖 pp. 131-140, "The Hebrews (2000–900 BCE)"

10 How Not to Run an Empire: The Assyrians

Tuesday, October 1

- 📖 pp. 142-155, "The Assyrian Empire (850–605 BCE)"
- 📖 pp. 155-159, "The Successors of the Assyrians (605–550 BCE)"

Thursday, October 3

- 📖 No meeting

11 The Success of the Persian Empire

Tuesday, October 8

- pp. 159-163, "The Persian Empire (550–331 BCE)"
- pp. 163-171, "Darius and the Operation of the Persian Empire"
- i** Essay #1 is due Monday, October 7.

12 Ancient Asia: China, India, and the Steppes

Thursday, October 10

- pp. 296-301, "The Eurasian Steppes"
- pp. 301-310, "Eastern Asia"

Tuesday, October 15

- i** No meeting—Classes follow a Monday Schedule.

13 Midterm Exam

Thursday, October 17

THE GREEK IDEA

14 The Greek Dark Age

Tuesday, October 22

- pp. 175-180, "The Greek Dark Ages (1100–776 BCE)"
- pp. 180-187, "The Construction of Greek Identity"
- Clouds, Section 1

15 Archaic Hellas

Thursday, October 24

- pp. 187-202, "The Archaic Age (776–500 BCE)"
- Clouds, Section 2

16 Sparta and Athens

Tuesday, October 29

- pp. 205-211, "The Spartan Way"
- pp. 211-218, "The Rise of Athens"
- Clouds, Section 3

17 The Persian Menace

Thursday, October 31

- pp. 218-226, "The Greeks and Persia (547–465 BCE)"
- pp. 226-231, "The Golden Age of Athens (465–431 BCE)"
- Clouds, Section 4

18 Wars Between the Greeks

Tuesday, November 5

- pp. 231-246, "The Peloponnesian War (431–387 BCE)"
- Clouds, Section 5

19 The Rise of Macedon

Thursday, November 7

- pp. 249-257, "After the Peloponnesian War (387–336 BCE)"
- pp. 257-265, "The Age of Alexander (336–323 BCE)"
- Clouds, Section 6

20 The Legacy of Alexander

Tuesday, November 12

- pp. 265-279, "The Hellenistic Kingdoms (323–120 BCE)"

THE MIGHT OF ROME

21 Early Rome

Thursday, November 14

- pp. 319-326, "Carthage"
- pp. 339-341, "Cultural Encounters of the Early Romans"
- pp. 341-349, "Rome of the Kings (753–509 BCE)"

22 The Roman Republic

Tuesday, November 19

- pp. 349-356, "The Early Roman Republic (509–246 BCE)"
- i** Essay #2 is due Monday, November 18.

23 The Acquisition of Empire

Thursday, November 21

- pp. 356-371, "Warfare and Expansion (390–133 BCE)"

24 The Republican Crisis

Tuesday, November 26

- pp. 379-390, "From One Crisis to the Next (150–88 BCE)"

Thursday, November 28

- i** No meeting—Thanksgiving holiday.

25 Collapse of the Republic

Tuesday, December 3

- pp. 390-399, "An Age of Generals (88–60 BCE)"

26 Crossing the Rubicon

Thursday, December 5

- pp. 399-409, "The Triumvirates (60–31 BCE)"
- pp. 409-414, "The Establishment of the Principate (31–21 BCE)"

27 Augustus, Princeps, Imperator

Tuesday, December 10

- pp. 415-430, "The Age of Augustus (27 BCE–14 CE)"
- i** Essay #3 is due on Monday, December 9.

28 The Roman Principate

Thursday, December 12

- pp. 430-440, "The Julio-Claudian And Flavian Dynasties (27 BCE–96 CE)"
- pp. 440-451, "The Antonine Dynasty (96–192)"

29 Final Exam

Tuesday, December 17

The Final Exam will be held on Tuesday, December 17 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.