

SCHEDULE OF READINGS AND ASSIGNMENTS

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

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.

BEGINNINGS

1 Introduction and Evidence

Tuesday, February 1

MATHISEN "Laying The Groundwork" (pp. 3-5)

MATHISEN "The Palaeolithic Age" (pp. 5-13)

2 The Origins of Civilization

Thursday, February 3

MATHISEN "The Neolithic World" (pp. 13-24)

MATHISEN "The Chalcolithic Period" (pp. 24-33)

No Meeting (Friday Classes)

Tuesday, February 8

THE BRONZE AGE

3 Mesopotamia

Thursday, February 10

MATHISEN "The Origins of Mesopotamian Civilization" (pp. 37-45)

MATHISEN "Rise Of Sumerian Civilization" (pp. 45-52)

GILGAMESH Intro (at least pages xiii-xvi, xxxi-xxxii)

GILGAMESH Tablet 1

4 Sumer

Tuesday, February 15

MATHISEN "Historical Sumer" (pp. 52-60)

GILGAMESH Tablet 2

5 Semitic Mesopotamia

Thursday, February 17

MATHISEN "The Semitic Peoples And The First Near Eastern Empires" (pp. 60-75)

GILGAMESH Tablet 5

6 God-Kings of Egypt

Tuesday, February 22

MATHISEN "Before The Pharaohs" (pp. 77-84)

MATHISEN "The Early Dynastic Period" (pp. 84-92)

GILGAMESH Tablet 6

7 Egyptian Empires

Thursday, February 24

MATHISEN "The Old Kingdom" (pp. 92-97)

MATHISEN "The Middle Kingdom" (pp. 97-103)

MATHISEN "The New Kingdom" (pp. 103-109)

GILGAMESH Tablet 7

8 The Bronze Age Aegean

Tuesday, March 1

MATHISEN "Early Civilizations/Levant" (pp. 111-113)

MATHISEN "Aegean Civilizations" (pp. 113-125)

GILGAMESH Tablet 11

THE IRON AGE

9 Dawn of the Iron Age

Thursday, March 3

MATHISEN "The Iron Age/Eastern Med" (pp. 125-131)

MATHISEN "The Hebrews" (pp. 131-140)

10 How Not to Run an Empire: The Assyrians

Tuesday, March 8

MATHISEN "The Assyrian Empire" (pp. 142-155)

MATHISEN "Successors of the Assyrians" (pp. 155-159)

Essay #1 due

11 The Success of the Persian Empire

Thursday, March 10

MATHISEN "The Persian Empire" (pp. 159-163)

MATHISEN "Darius/Persian Empire" (pp. 163-171)

12 The Greek Dark Age

Tuesday, March 15

MATHISEN "The Greek Dark Ages" (pp. 175-180)

MATHISEN "The Construction Of Greek Identity" (pp. 180-187)

13 Ancient Asia: China, India, and the Steppes

Thursday, March 17

MATHISEN "The Eurasian Steppes" (pp. 296-301)

MATHISEN "Eastern Asia" (pp. 301-310)

14 Midterm Exam

Tuesday, March 22

THE GREEK IDEA

15 Archaic Hellas

Thursday, March 24

MATHISEN "The Archaic Age" (pp. 187-202)

CLOUDS Section 1

16 Sparta and Athens

Tuesday, March 29

MATHISEN "The Spartan Way" (pp. 205-211)

MATHISEN "The Rise Of Athens" (pp. 211-218)

CLOUDS Section 2

17 The Persian Menace

Thursday, March 31

MATHISEN "The Greeks And Persia" (pp. 218-226)

MATHISEN "The Golden Age Of Athens" (pp. 226-231)

CLOUDS Section 3

18 Wars Between the Greeks

Tuesday, April 5

MATHISEN "The Peloponnesian War" (pp. 231-246)

CLOUDS Section 4

19 The Rise of Macedon

Thursday, April 7

MATHISEN "Greece After The Pelop. War" (pp. 249-257)

MATHISEN "The Age Of Alexander" (pp. 257-265)

CLOUDS Section 5

20 The Legacy of Alexander

Tuesday, April 12

MATHISEN "The Hellenistic Kingdoms" (pp. 265-279)

CLOUDS Section 6

THE MIGHT OF ROME

21 Early Rome

Thursday, April 14

MATHISEN "Carthage" (pp. 319-326)

MATHISEN "Cultural Encounters" (pp. 339-341)

MATHISEN "Rome Of The Kings" (pp. 341-349)

No Meeting (Spring Recess)

Tuesday, April 19

Thursday, April 21

22 The Roman Republic

Tuesday, April 26

MATHISEN "The Early Roman Republic" (pp. 349-356)

Essay #2 due

23 The Acquisition of Empire

Thursday, April 28

MATHISEN "Warfare And Expansion" (pp. 356-371)

24 The Republican Crisis

Tuesday, May 3

MATHISEN "One Crisis To The Next" (pp. 379-390)

MATHISEN "An Age Of Generals" (pp. 390-399)

25 Collapse of Republic

Thursday, May 5

MATHISEN "The Triumvirates" (pp. 399-409)

MATHISEN "Establishment/Principate" (pp. 409-414)

26 Augustus, Princeps, Imperator

Tuesday, May 10

MATHISEN "The Age Of Augustus" (pp. 415-430)

27 The Roman Principate

Thursday, May 12

MATHISEN "Julio-Claudian/Flavian" (pp. 430-440)

MATHISEN "The Antonine Dynasty" (pp. 440-451)

28 Christianity and Rome

Tuesday, May 17

MATHISEN "The World/Pax Romana" (pp. 451-464)

MATHISEN "Religion/Rise Of Christianity" (pp. 464-471)

Essay #3 due

Final Exam (8:30–10:30 a.m.)

Thursday, May 19

Tablets in *The Epic of Gilgamesh* Page numbers refer to the Andrew George (Penguin) edition assigned for this class. Only the starred tablets (★) are assigned for meetings. That said, reading the whole thing might help you with your essay.

★ 1. The Coming of Enkidu	pages 1–11
★ 2. The Taming of Enkidu	12–22
3. Preparations for the Expedition	22–29
4. The Journey to the Forest of Cedar	30–39
★ 5. The Combat with Humbaba	39–47
★ 6. Ishtar and the Bull of Heaven	47–54
★ 7. The Death of Enkidu	54–62
8. The Funeral of Enkidu	62–69
9. The Wanderings of Gilgamesh	70–75
10. At the Edge of the World	75–87
★ 11. Immortality Denied	88–99

Sections in *Clouds* Page numbers refer to the West's *Four Texts on Socrates* assigned for this class. Any good edition will have line numbers; see me if yours doesn't. We are reading the whole play (it's not very long).

West's Introduction	pages 29-37
1. Strepsiades's Problem	lines 1–13 pages 115-120
2. The Thinkery	lines 133–365 pages 120-130
3. Gods and Memory	lines 366–518 pages 131-136
Clouds' Response 1	518–626 136-141
4. Hen and Cock	lines 627–888 pages 141-151
5. The Debate	lines 889–1114 pages 151-161
Clouds' Response 2	1115–1130 161
Old and New Day	1131–1213 161-164
6. The Creditor	lines 1214–1320 pages 165-169
New Morality	1321–1492 169-176
The Purge	1493–1510 176