

Schedule of Readings and Assignments

History of Ancient Religion • Fall 2022

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, Johnston, Ancient Religions.

Everything listed under each meeting, including the textbook readings and the ancient excerpts, is fair game for the weekly online quizzes.

August 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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September 2022						
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October 2022						
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November 2022						
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December 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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Week 1: Introduction and Evidence

In-person meeting: Tuesday, August 30

Before the class meeting, read:

📖 "Introduction" (pp. vii-xii)

📖 "Maps" (pp. xvi-xvii)

Sign up for your excerpt write-up for the semester

Week 2: Sumerians

In-person meeting: Tuesday, September 6

Before the class meeting, read:

📖 "What Is Ancient Mediterranean Religion?" (pp. 3-16)

📖 "Sumer" (pp. 165-78)

"Excerpt"

After the class meeting:

Respond to this week's reading by Thursday

Respond to the discussion of this week's reading by Sunday

Take the online quiz on this week's topic by Sunday

Week 3: Assyrians and Babylonians

In-person meeting: Tuesday, September 13

Before the class meeting, read:

📖 "What Is Polytheism?" (pp. 17-24)

📖 "Babylon and Assyria" (pp. 168-72)

"Excerpt"

After the class meeting:

Respond to this week's reading by Thursday

Respond to the discussion of this week's reading by Sunday

Take the online quiz on this week's topic by Sunday

Week 4: Hittites and proto-Indo-Europeans

In-person meeting: Tuesday, September 20

Before the class meeting, read:

📖 "Religions in Contact" (pp. 112-26)

📖 "Anatolia: Hittites" (pp. 189-96)

"Excerpt"

After the class meeting:

Respond to this week's reading by Thursday

Respond to the discussion of this week's reading by Sunday

Take the online quiz on this week's topic by Sunday

Week 5: Zoroastrians

In-person meeting: Tuesday, October 11

Before the class meeting, read:

📖 "Magic" (pp. 139-52)

📖 "Iran" (pp. 197-205)

"Excerpt"

After the class meeting:

Respond to this week's reading by Thursday

Respond to the discussion of this week's reading by Sunday

Take the online quiz on this week's topic by Sunday

Week 6: Syrians and Canaanites

In-person meeting: Tuesday, October 18

Before the class meeting, read:

📖 "Pollution, Sin, Atonement, Salvation" (pp. 71-83)

📖 "Syria and Canaan" (pp. 173-80)

"Excerpt"

After the class meeting:

Respond to this week's reading by Thursday

Respond to the discussion of this week's reading by Sunday

Take the online quiz on this week's topic by Sunday

Week 7: Israelites and Judeans

In-person meeting: Tuesday, October 25

Before the class meeting, read:

■ "What Is Monotheism?" (pp. 24-31)

■ "Israel" (pp. 181-88)

"Excerpt"

After the class meeting:

Respond to this week's reading by Thursday

Respond to the discussion of this week's reading by Sunday

Take the online quiz on this week's topic by Sunday

Week 8: Egyptians

In-person meeting: Tuesday, November 1

Before the class meeting, read:

■ "Cosmology: Time and History" (pp. 59-70)

■ "Egypt" (pp. 155-64)

"Excerpt"

After the class meeting:

Respond to this week's reading by Thursday

Respond to the discussion of this week's reading by Sunday

Take the online quiz on this week's topic by Sunday

Week 9: Minoans

In-person meeting: Tuesday, November 8

Before the class meeting, read:

■ "Ritual" (pp. 32-44)

■ "Minoans" (pp. 206-08)

"Excerpt"

After the class meeting:

Respond to this week's reading by Thursday

Respond to the discussion of this week's reading by Sunday

Take the online quiz on this week's topic by Sunday

Week 10: Mycenaeans

In-person meeting: Tuesday, November 15

Before the class meeting, read:

■ "Myth" (pp. 45-58)

■ "Mycenaeans" (pp. 208-09)

"Excerpt"

After the class meeting:

Respond to this week's reading by Thursday

Respond to the discussion of this week's reading by Sunday

Take the online quiz on this week's topic by Sunday

Week 11: Hellenes

In-person meeting: Tuesday, November 22

Before the class meeting, read:

■ "Mysteries" (pp. 98-111)

■ "Greece" (pp. 210-19)

"Excerpt"

After the class meeting:

Respond to this week's reading by Thursday

Respond to the discussion of this week's reading by Sunday

Take the online quiz on this week's topic by Sunday

Week 12: Etruscans

In-person meeting: Tuesday, November 29

Before the class meeting, read:

■ "Writing and Religion" (pp. 127-138)

■ "Etruria" (pp. 220-24)

"Excerpt"

After the class meeting:

Respond to this week's reading by Thursday

Respond to the discussion of this week's reading by Sunday

Take the online quiz on this week's topic by Sunday

Week 13: Romans

In-person meeting: Tuesday, December 6

Before the class meeting, read:

■ "Law and Ethics" (pp. 84-97)

■ "Rome" (pp. 225-232)

"Excerpt"

After the class meeting:

Respond to this week's reading by Thursday

Respond to the discussion of this week's reading by Sunday

Take the online quiz on this week's topic by Sunday

Week 14: Early Christians

In-person meeting: Tuesday, November 13

Before the class meeting, read:

■ "Epilogue" (pp. 241-52)

■ "Early Christianity" (pp. 233-39)

"Excerpt"

After the class meeting:

Respond to this week's reading by Thursday

Respond to the discussion of this week's reading by Sunday

Take the online quiz on this week's topic by Sunday

Final Exam

In-person: Tuesday, December 20