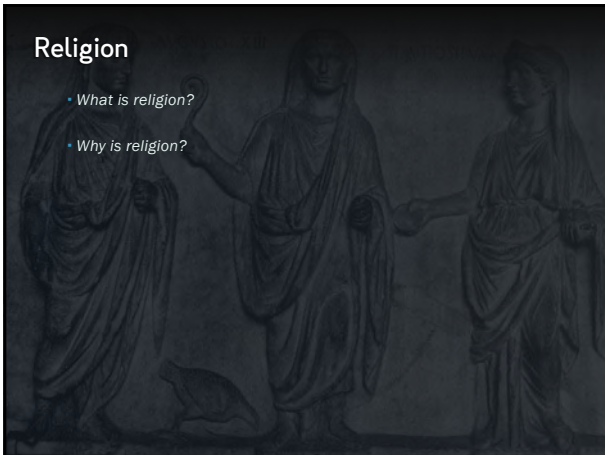
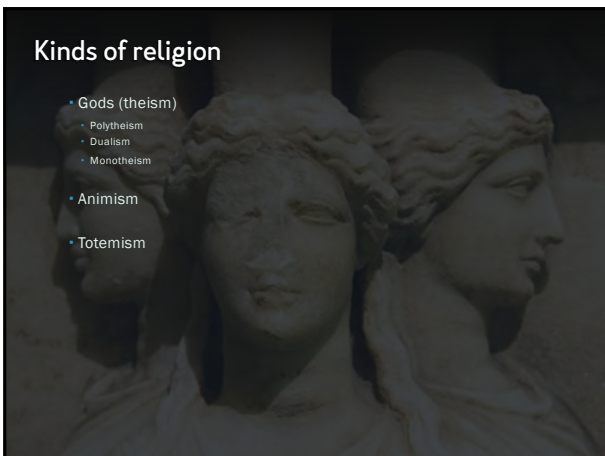


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Paganism

- Many gods and goddesses
- Usually anthropomorphic
- Represent powerful natural forces
- Local
- Each city-state has a patron deity
 - Protects the city
 - Lives among them in a special monumental temple

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Temple and altar

- Dwelling place of a god or goddess
- Normally accessible only to priests of that god or goddess
- Might be used for the storage of records or treasures
- Visual focal point for a community
- Altar as a place of interaction with that deity

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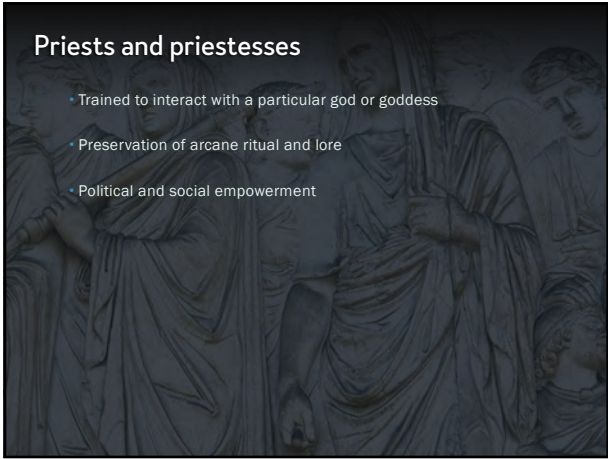
Ritual and sacrifice



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Priests and priestesses

- Trained to interact with a particular god or goddess
- Preservation of arcane ritual and lore
- Political and social empowerment



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Priest-kings



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God-kings



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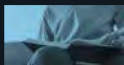



Interactions between gods and mortals

- Gods and the state
- Gods and the community
- Gods and the family/individuals




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How the course works

-  **Before the class meeting**
 - A couple of short sections in the textbook
 - An excerpt from a primary source
-  **Tuesday class meeting**
 - Discuss the time and place we're exploring that week
-  **After the class meeting**
 - Write a post about the primary source reading *due Thursday*
 - Write a follow-up post responding to the discussion *due Sunday*
 - Take the online quiz *due Sunday*
-  **Essays and final exam**

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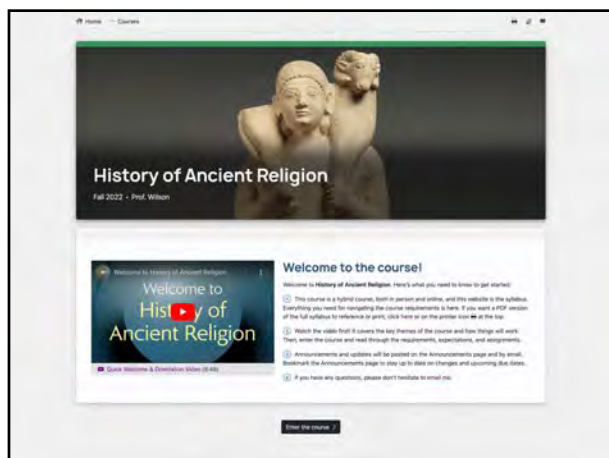
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The course website is your syllabus for the course

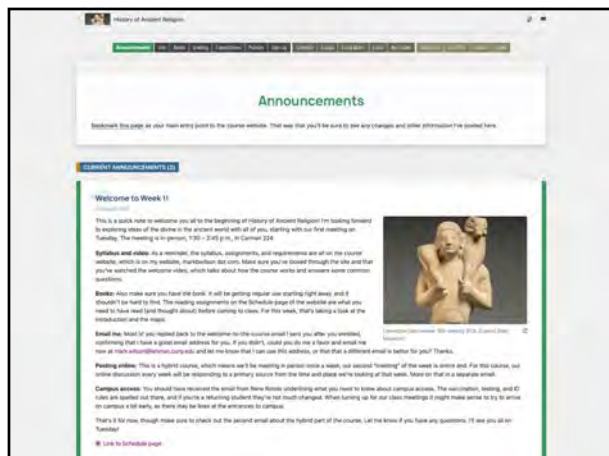
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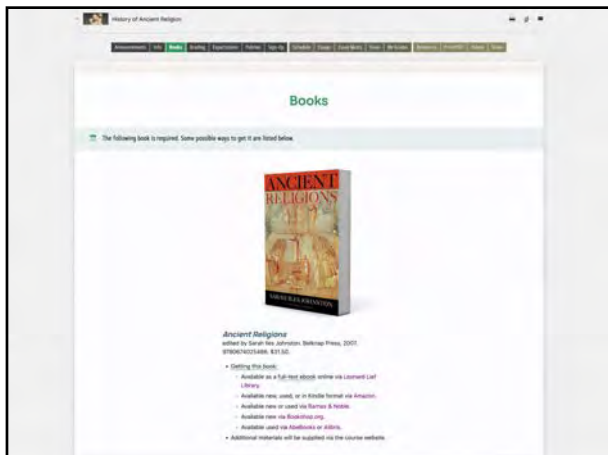
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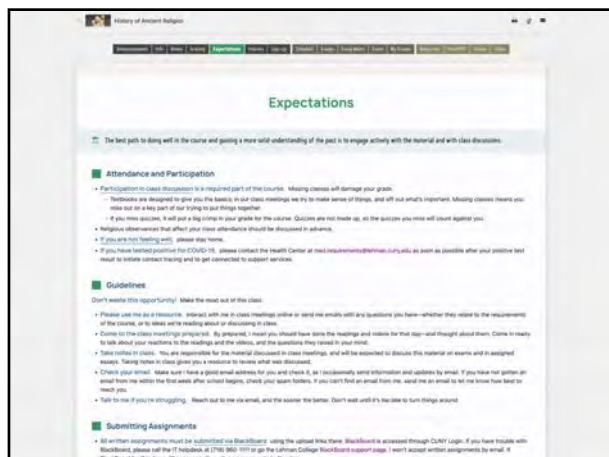
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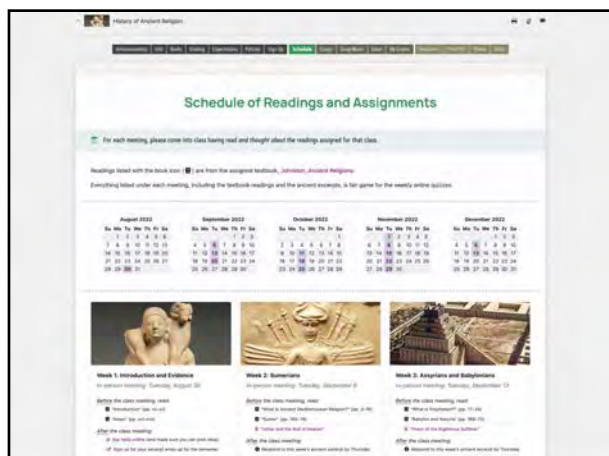
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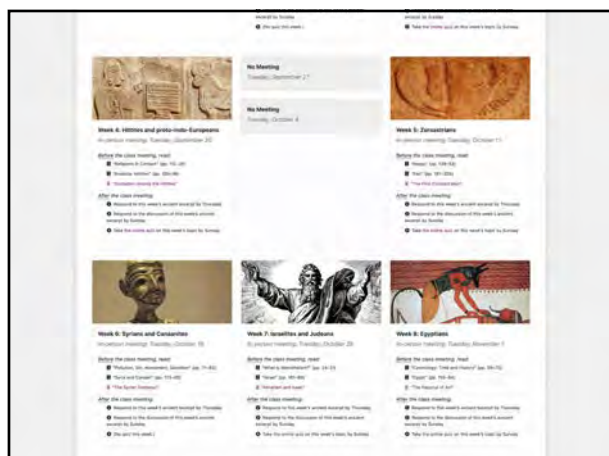
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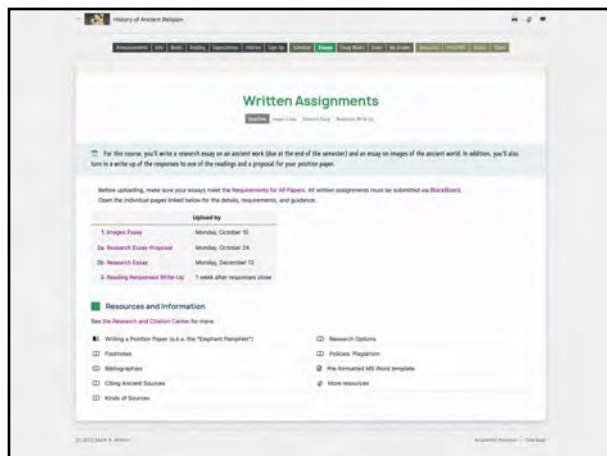




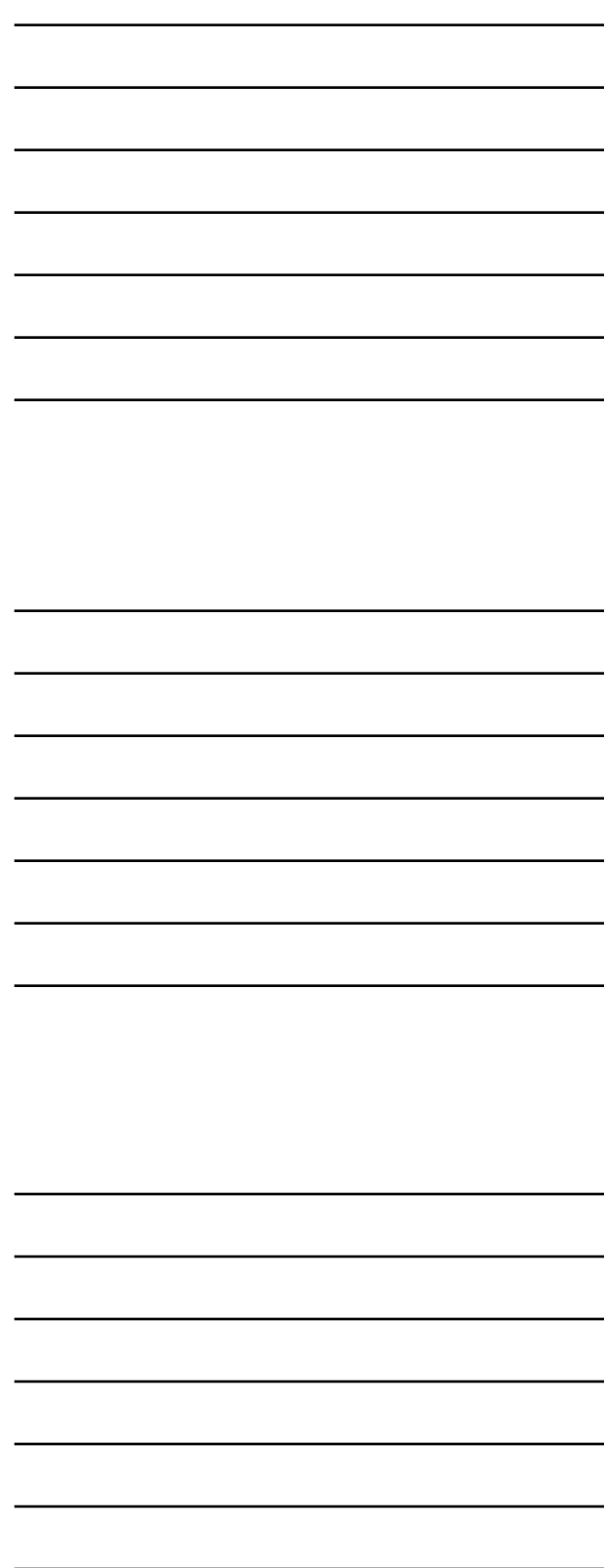
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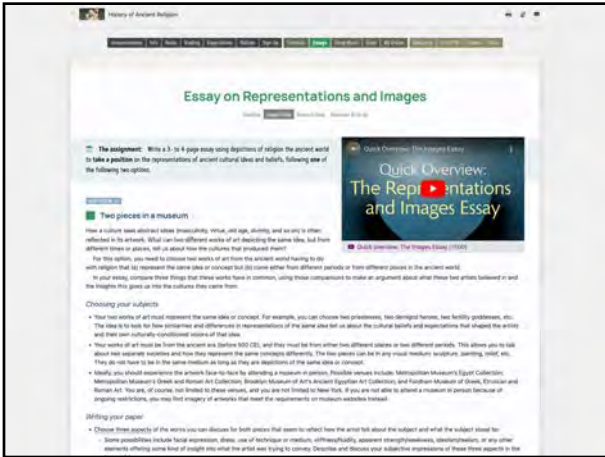


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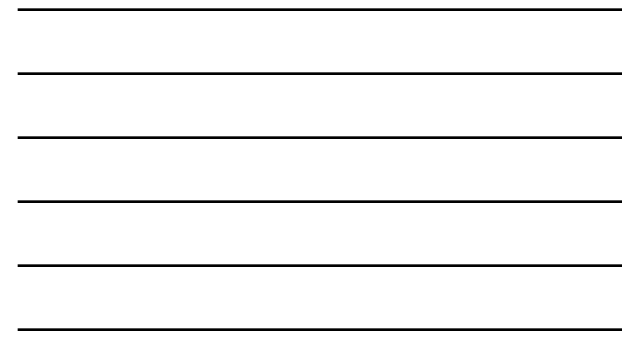


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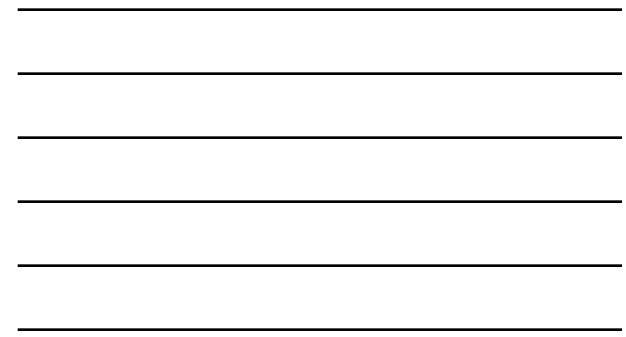




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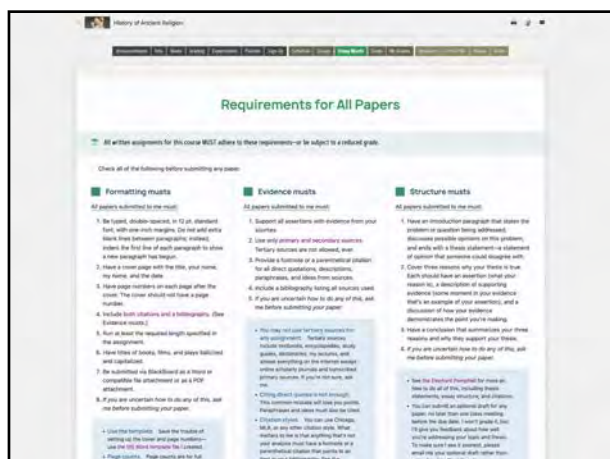


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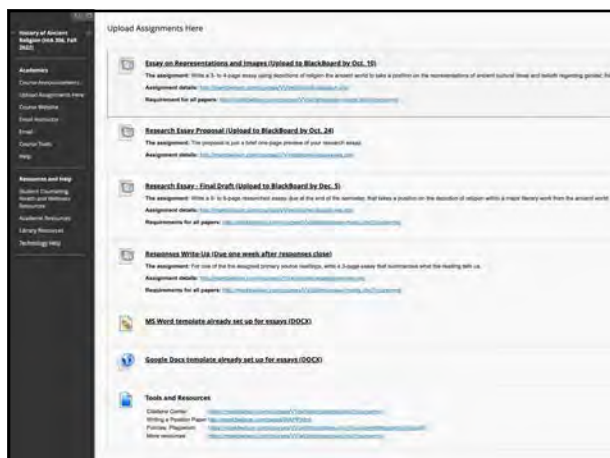




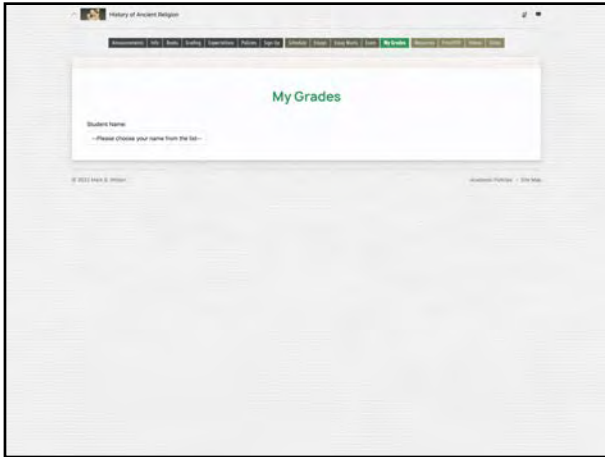
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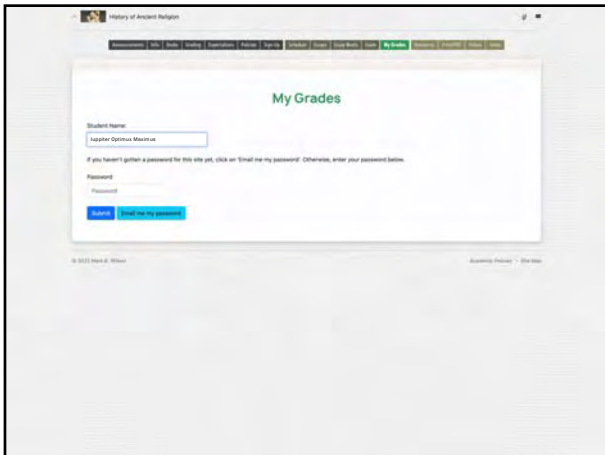
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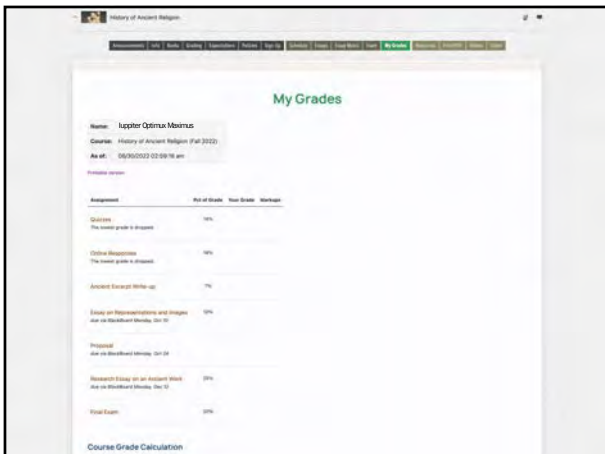
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Assignment	Weight	Grade	Points
Quizzes	10%		
Online Resources	10%		
Articles	10%		
Essays on Roman/Byzantine and Islamic	30%		
Presentations	10%		
Research Essay on an Ancient World	30%		
Final Exam	10%		

Assignment	Current grade*	Possible points	Points earned	Weighted grade
Quiz	10	10	10	1.0
Exam	10	10	10	1.0
Article	10	10	10	1.0
Essay	10	10	10	1.0
Presentations	10	10	10	1.0
Final	10	10	10	1.0
Overall Avg**				

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Academic Policies

Assignments that include any plagiarism will receive a zero. Students engaging in repeated instances of plagiarism will fail the course outright and will be referred to the College for disciplinary action.

A variety of accommodations are available to students with disabilities, and tutoring is available to students seeking help.

Listed below are various official school policies included in all Lehman College syllabi, with clarifications relating to this course as required. You are responsible for this information and for all information in this syllabus.

- Attendance Policy
- Accommodating Disabilities
- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism Policy
- Technology and Device Information
- Individualized Support Services (ISS)
- Writing Intensive Course Requirements
- Student Handbook

Attendance Policy
Students are expected to attend all class meetings on schedule, and are responsible for all class work missed as a result of late registration or absence. Excessive absence in any course may result in a lower final grade.

- Participation in online discussion is a required part of the course. Missing classes will damage your grade.
- Sections are designed to give you the basics, so our class meetings are try to make sense of things, and set out what's important. Missing classes means you miss out on a key part of our trying to put things together.
- If you miss classes, I will put a big zero in your grade for the course. Quizzes are not made up, so the quizzes you miss will count against you.
- Request accommodations that affect your class attendance should be discussed in advance.

Accommodating Disabilities
Lehman College is committed to providing access to all programs and courses to all students. Students with disabilities who may require any special considerations should register with the Office of Student Disability Services in order to submit official paperwork to instructor.

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Resources

Course Resources

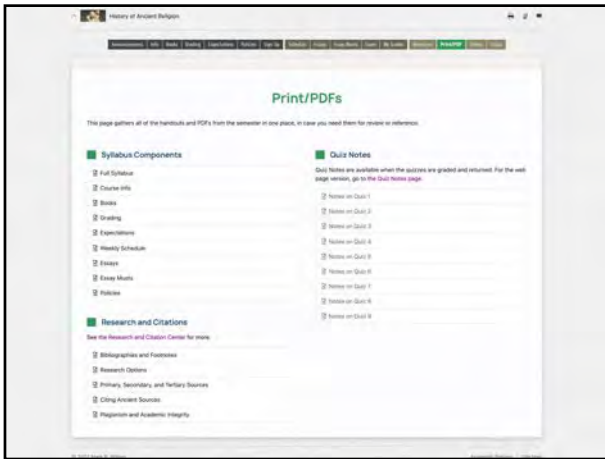
- Quiz Notes**: Downloaded questions for quiz questions, in handouts, or PDF form.
- Course Materials Citations**: The formats and abbreviations citations for the assigned readings in this course, should you need to cite them.
- Site Map**: An overview of this full syllabus and their access for any page in the course content.
- Video Lectures**: My video lectures and assignment notes on YouTube for this course.
- Syllabus page PDFs**: PDFs of all the components of this syllabus to refer to print.
- Slides**: The slides for each class meeting will be posted here, unless the instructor provides.

General Resources

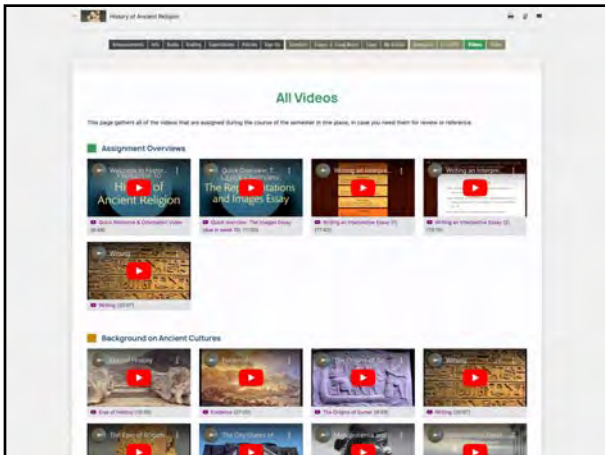
- Research and Citations Center**: The Center you need to know for your class, including how to find sources and avoid plagiarism and bibliographies.
- Writing a Position Paper**: Look for Standard Template: Guidance on research, structure, and writing.
- Maps and Timelines**: Handy maps of the ancient Mediterranean world, and timeline of the ancient era.
- Online Ancient Texts**: A handy, searchable list of ancient authors and online translations into English.
- MS Word Essay Template**: A Microsoft word file created set up with the essential formatting. There's also a Google Docs version.
- Common Word Mix-Ups**: Suggestions for fixing up a few of the words that are commonly mixed up in English writing.

Lehman College Support Sites | Remote Research Help

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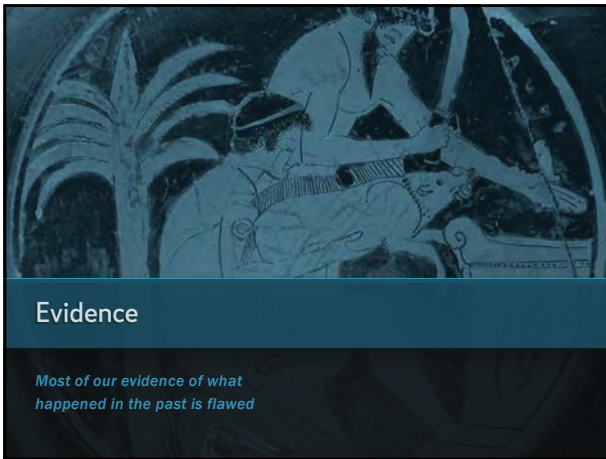
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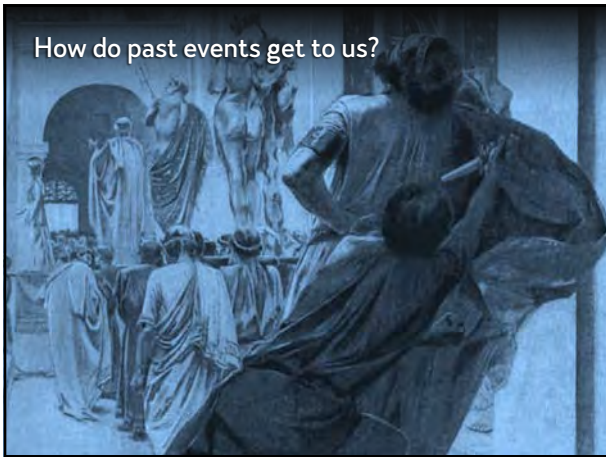
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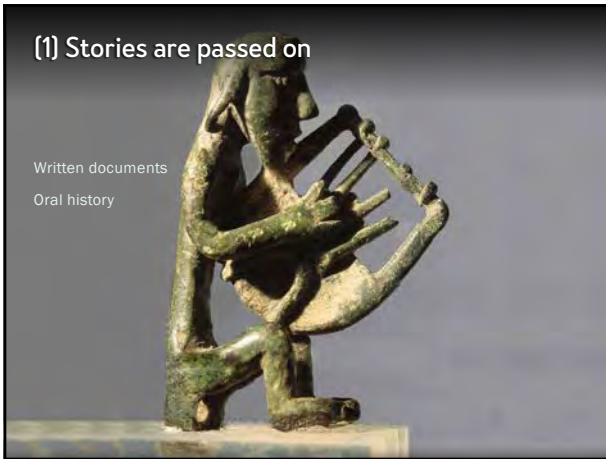
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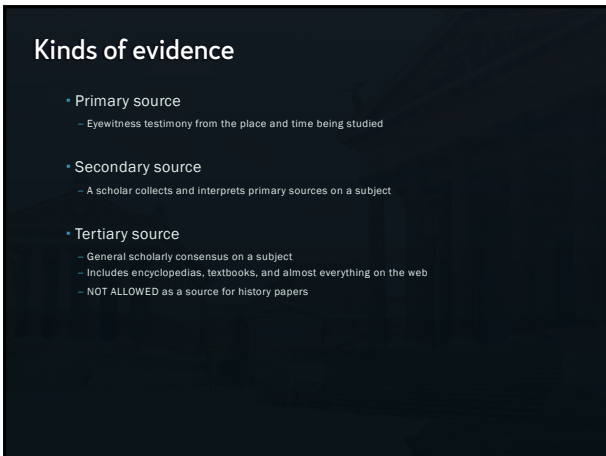
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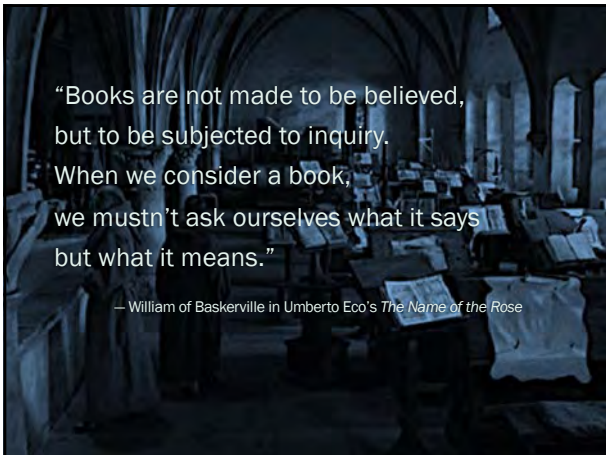
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Problems with primary sources?

- Intentional bias
- Unintentional bias
- Point of view
- Survival
- Translation

CONCLUSION:
There are no facts in history

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“Books are not made to be believed,
but to be subjected to inquiry.
When we consider a book,
we mustn't ask ourselves what it says
but what it means.”

— William of Baskerville in Umberto Eco's *The Name of the Rose*


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Example: Pliny the Younger, 79 CE



Eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, 79 CE

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Periodization

Dividing history eras is useful but misleading

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The "Common Era" calendar



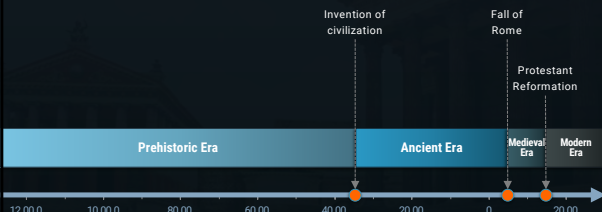
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BCE (Before the Common Era) CE (Common Era)

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Eras of (Mediterranean) history

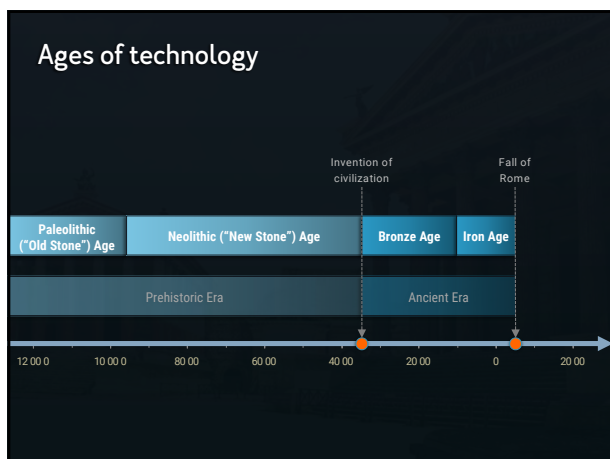


Invention of civilization Fall of Rome Protestant Reformation

Prehistoric Era Ancient Era Medieval Era Modern Era

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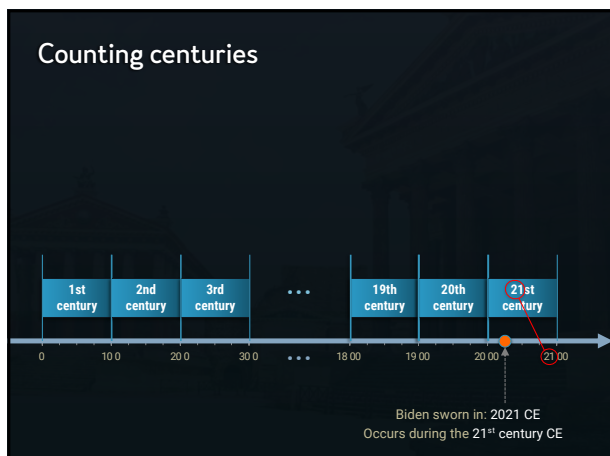
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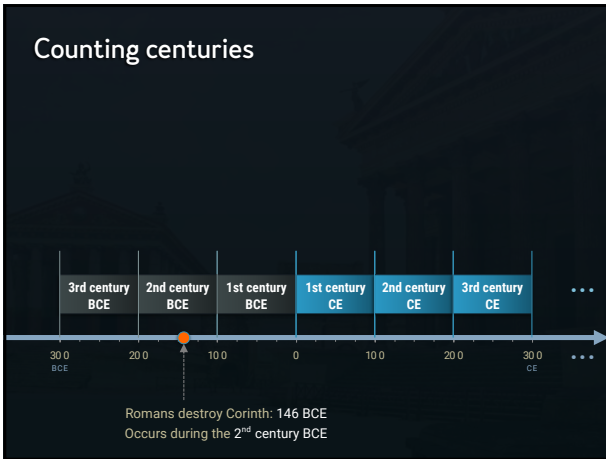
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Periodization

- Historians divide history into "eras" based on how we can characterize society
- Archaeologists divide history into "ages" based on changes in prevalent technology
- These periods help organize our studies, but also overgeneralize places and times within each period

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