

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 Ed.

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 2023						
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BEGINNINGS

- 1 Introduction and Themes
Tuesday, August 29
📖 "Laying the Groundwork" (pp. 3-5)
📖 "The Palaeolithic Age (2,000,000–10,000 BCE)" (pp. 5-13)
- 2 The Origins of Civilization
Thursday, August 31
📖 "The Neolithic World (8000–5500 BCE)" (pp. 13-24)
📖 "The Chalcolithic Period (5500–2000 BCE)" (pp. 24-33)

THE BRONZE AGE

- 3 Mesopotamia
Tuesday, September 5
📖 "The Origins of Mesopotamian Civilization (6000–3000 BCE)" (pp. 37-45)
📖 "The Rise of Sumerian Civilization" (pp. 45-52)
📖 *Gilgamesh*, Introduction
📖 *Gilgamesh*, Tablet 1

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.

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| ★ 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 |

- 4 Sumer
Thursday, September 7
📖 "Historical Sumer (3000–2300 BCE)" (pp. 52-60)
📖 *Gilgamesh*, Tablet 2
- 5 Semitic Mesopotamia
Tuesday, September 12
📖 "The Semitic Peoples and the First Near Eastern Empires (2300–1200 BCE)" (pp. 60-75)
📖 *Gilgamesh*, Tablet 5
- 6 God-Kings of Egypt
Thursday, September 14
📖 "Before The Pharaohs (5000–3000 BCE)" (pp. 77-84)
📖 "The Early Dynastic Period (3000–2700 BCE)" (pp. 84-92)
📖 *Gilgamesh*, Tablet 6
- 7 Egyptian Empires
Tuesday, September 19
📖 "The Old Kingdom (2700–2200 BCE)" (pp. 92-97)
📖 "The Middle Kingdom (2050–1786 BCE)" (pp. 97-103)
📖 "The New Kingdom (1534–1070 BCE)" (pp. 103-109)
📖 *Gilgamesh*, Tablet 7
- 8 The Bronze Age Aegean
Thursday, September 21
📖 "Early Civilizations of the Levant " (pp. 111-113)
📖 "Aegean Civilizations (3000–1100 BCE)" (pp. 113-125)
📖 *Gilgamesh*, Tablet 11

THE IRON AGE

- 9 Dawn of the Iron Age
Tuesday, September 26
📖 "The Iron Age In The Eastern Mediterranean" (pp. 125-131)
📖 "The Hebrews (2000–900 BCE)" (pp. 131-140)

10 How Not to Run an Empire: The Assyrians
Thursday, September 28

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

11 The Success of the Persian Empire
Tuesday, October 3

- "The Persian Empire (550–331 BCE)" (pp. 159-163)
- "Darius/ the Operation of the Persian Empire" (pp. 163-171)
- Essay #1 is due on Monday, October 2.*

12 Ancient Asia: China, India, and the Steppes
Thursday, October 5

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

13 Midterm Exam
Thursday, October 12

In our normal meeting room, during our normal class period.

THE GREEK IDEA

14 The Greek Dark Age
Tuesday, October 17

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

15 Archaic Hellas
Thursday, October 19

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

16 Sparta and Athens
Tuesday, October 24

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

17 The Persian Menace
Thursday, October 26

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

18 Wars Between the Greeks
Tuesday, October 31

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

19 The Rise of Macedon
Thursday, November 2

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

20 The Legacy of Alexander
Tuesday, November 7

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

THE MIGHT OF ROME

21 Early Rome
Thursday, November 9

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

22 The Roman Republic
Tuesday, November 14

- "The Early Roman Republic (509–246 BCE)" (pp. 349-356)
- Essay #2 is due on Monday, November 13.*

23 The Acquisition of Empire
Thursday, November 16

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

24 The Republican Crisis
Tuesday, November 21

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

25 Collapse of the Republic
Tuesday, November 28

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

26 Crossing the Rubicon
Thursday, November 30

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

27 Augustus, Princeps, Imperator
Tuesday, December 5

- "The Age of Augustus (27 BCE–14 CE)" (pp. 415-430)

28 The Roman Principate
Thursday, December 7

- "The Julio-Claudian And Flavian Dynasties" (pp. 430-440)
- "The Antonine Dynasty (96–192)" (pp. 440-451)
- Essay #3 is due on Monday, December 11.*

29 Final Exam
Tuesday, December 19

In-person from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in our normal meeting room.

Sections in *Clouds*

Page numbers refer to the Wests' *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).

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