

Core Humanities I Syllabus, Fall 1991

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Required Texts

Gilgamesh, tr. Maureen Gallery Kovacs (Stanford Univ. Press)
The Bible, Revised Standard Version
Homer, The Odyssey, tr. Robert Fitzgerald (Anchor Books)
Aeschylus, The Oresteia, tr. Robert Fagles (Penguin)
Aristophanes, The Clouds, tr. William Arrowsmith (Meridian)
Plato, The Republic, tr. Allan Bloom (Basic Books)

Recommended Reading

Elie Wiesel, Night

Class Schedule

Sept. 4 - Introduction
Sept. 6 - Gilgamesh, Tablets 1-6
Sept. 9 - Gilgamesh, Tablets 7-11
Sept. 11 - Genesis, Chapters 1-11
Presentation #1
Sept. 13 - Genesis, Chapters 12-26
Sept. 16 FIRST ESSAY DUE (2 PAGES) - Genesis, Chapters 27-36
Sept. 18 - I Samuel, Chapters 1-15
Presentation #2
Sept. 20 - I Samuel, Chapters 16-31
Sept. 23 SECOND ESSAY DUE (2 PAGES) - II Samuel, Chapters 1-12
Sept. 25 - II Samuel, Chapters 13-19:8
Presentation #3
Sept. 27 - II Samuel, Chapters 19:9-24, I Kings 1-2
Oct. 30 - Job, Chapters 1-14; Wiesel, Night
Oct. 2 - Job, Chapters 15-31
Presentation #4
Oct. 4 THIRD ESSAY DUE (3-4 PAGES) - Job, Chapters 32-42

Oct. 7 - Homer, The Odyssey, Books 1-4

Oct. 9 - Homer, The Odyssey, Books 5-9
Presentation #5

Oct. 11 - Homer, The Odyssey, Books 10-12

Oct. 15 - TUESDAY SCHEDULE - NO CLASS

Oct. 16 - Homer, The Odyssey, Books 13-20
Presentation #6

Oct. 18 FOURTH ESSAY DUE (5-6 PAGES) - Homer, The Odyssey, Books
21-24

Oct. 21 - Aeschylus, Agamemnon

Oct. 23 - Aeschylus, Agamemnon
Presentation #7

Oct. 25 - Aeschylus, Agamemnon

Oct. 28 - Aeschylus, The Libation Bearers

Oct. 30 - Aeschylus, The Libation Bearers
Presentation #8

Nov. 1 FIFTH ESSAY DUE (5-6 PAGES) - Aeschylus, The Eumenides

Nov. 4 - Aeschylus, The Eumenides

Nov. 6 - Aristophanes, The Clouds
Presentation #9

Nov. 8 - Aristophanes, The Clouds

Nov. 11 - Aristophanes, The Clouds

Nov. 12 - MIDTERM EXAM, Science 107, 3:30-5:00

Nov. 13 - Plato, The Republic, Book 1
Presentation #10

Nov. 15 - Plato, The Republic, Book 2

Nov. 18 - Plato, The Republic, Book 3

Nov. 20 SIXTH ESSAY DUE (5-6 PAGES) - Plato, The Republic, Book 4

Nov. 22 - Plato, The Republic, Book 5
Presentation #11

Nov. 25 - Plato, The Republic, Book 6

Nov. 27 - Plato, The Republic, Book 6
Presentation #12

Dec. 2 - Plato, The Republic, Book 7

Dec. 4 - Plato, The Republic, Book 8

Dec. 6 - Plato, The Republic, Book 9
Presentation #13

Dec. 9 SEVENTH ESSAY DUE (5-6 PAGES) - Plato, The Republic, Book
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Dec. 11 - Overview

Lecture Schedule
All Lectures in Science 107, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Sept. 3 - James Devlin, Introduction

Sept. 5 - Herb Mason, Gilgamesh: The Story and Approaches to the
Story

Sept. 10 - Professor Zimansky, Nature and City in Ancient Life

Sept. 12 - James Purvis, Genesis and Exodus

Sept. 17 - James Purvis, The Emergence of Monarchy in Israel

Sept. 19 - James Devlin, David and Saul

Sept. 24 - Aryeh Motzkin, Kingship and Prophecy

Sept. 26 - James Purvis, Who Wrote the Bible?

Oct. 1 - Brian Jorgensen, Job and his Comforters

Oct. 3 - James Devlin, Job and God

Oct. 8 - Murray McClellan, From Mycenae to Homer

Oct. 10 - Professor Scully, The Greek Gods

Oct. 15 - No Class

Oct. 17 - William Wians, Odysseus the Harper

Oct. 22 - Professor Kleiner, Greek Art in the Archaic Age

Oct. 24- Professor Scully, The Greek Polis

Oct. 29 - James Devlin, The Oresteia

- Oct. 31 - Professor Scully, Aeschylus and Sophocles
- Nov. 5 - James Johnson, Aristophanes and the Peloponnesian Wars
- Nov. 7 - Murray McClellan, Classical Art and the Acropolis
- Nov. 12 - MIDTERM EXAMINATION
- Nov. 14 - Meyer Reinhold, The Golden Age of Athens
- Nov. 19 - James Devlin, The Republic Book I
- Nov. 21 - Aryeh Motzkin, Plato, the Poets and the Sophists
- Nov. 26 - Brian Jorgensen, Plato on Love, Sex and Desire
- Dec. 3 - James Devlin, The Divided Line
- Dec. 5 - Jon Westling, Plato's Regimes
- Dec. 10 - James Devlin, Platonic Virtue and the Myth of Er

Grading Policy

Final grades will be determined in the following proportions: seminar essays (50%), participation in discussion, presentations and quizzes (15%), midterm examination (10%), final examination (25%). Any cases of plagiarism will result in an F for the course.