

**HISTORY 101
FALL 2020**

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HISTORY AND THE HUMANITIES, I

September 01: Introduction

Sept. 03: Herodotus, *Histories (Penguin)*, BK. ONE

Sept. 08: Herodotus, *Histories*, BK. THREE, para. 1-91.

Sept. 10: Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian Wars(Penguin)* BK. I, para.1-24, 66-89.

Sept. 15: Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian Wars*, BK. II, para. 1-66.

Sept. 17: Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian Wars*, BK. III para.1-50, 69-86. BK. V. para.84-116

Sept. 22: Aeschylus, *Oresteia, Agamemnon (Chicago)*.

Sept. 24: Aeschylus *The Liberation Bearers and Eumenides*

Sept. 29: Sophocles, *Oedipus Rex (Chicago)*.

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- October. 01: Sophocles, *Antigone* (First Paper)
- Oct. 06: Plato, *The Last Days of Socrates [Apology]* (Penguin).
- Oct. 08: Plato, *Crito*
- Oct. 13: Plato, *The Republic (Hackett)*: BKS. I, II and III.
- Oct. 15: Plato, *The Republic*, BKS. IV, V, VI.
- Oct. 20: Plato, *The Republic*, BKS. VII, VIII, IX, X.
- Oct. 22: Aristotle, *Politics (Chicago)*: BK. 1.
- Oct. 27: Aristotle, *Politics*, BK. 3. (Second Paper)
- Oct. 29: *The Bible(Oxford)* "Genesis"
- November 03: **Election Day, No Classes.**
- Nov. 05: *The Bible*, "Exodus," Chapters 1-3, 6:1-12, 12:29-15:21, 19-24
- Nov. 10: *The Bible*, "Jeremiah," Chapters 30-33, "Second Isaiah," Chapters 40-45 and 51
- Nov. 12: *The Bible*, "Daniel," Chapters 6-12.
- Nov. 17: *The Bible*, "Matthew"
- Nov. 19: *The Bible*, "Romans,"
- Nov. 24: *The Bible*, "I Corinthians," Chapters 1-13
- Nov. 26: **THANKSGIVING**
- December 01: Ovid, *Metamorphoses (Penguin), (Selections)*
- Dec. 03: Virgil, *Aeneid (Penguin)*: Bks. 1-5; Bk 6.

Final Paper Due December 10.

Through a close reading and discussion of these classic, canonical texts, the course will explore central concepts and moral values in the development of Occidental culture and history. We will discuss their central themes and questions, analytically, and how the diverse genres of history, literature and philosophy become important in understanding Classical antiquity.

Assignments: Three papers, in varying lengths of two, five and eight pages. The final paper will take the form of a take-home exam. Writing assignments are designed to assist students in analyzing texts and in developing sustained arguments with evidence drawn from the texts.

In recognition of student writing achievements in the First-Year Seminar, cash prizes will be awarded to six of the best analytical/critical papers submitted in the Fall semester. Awards will be announced in the first week of Spring semester, and the award-winning essays will be published.