Humanities 2B Reading List and Semester Plan: Spring 2017

Seminars:
11 Cooper DMH 354
21 Hohmann DMH 357
31 Peter ENG 403
41 Lindahl SH 241

1. Thursday January 26   Karl Marx and the Industrial Revolution

2. Tuesday January 31   John Stuart Mill: Utilitarianism and Individualism

3. Thursday February 2   Darwin and Social Darwinism
   Read: Darwin, The Origin of Species, Chapter 4, “Natural Selection” (Website). See also: www.talkorigins.org/faqs/origin.html

4. Tuesday February 7   Slavery, Abolitionism and the Beginnings of the Women’s Rights Movement in the United States
   Read: Heffner: Chapter 10 “The Abolitionist Crusade,” including excerpts from the first issue of “The Liberator”; Chapter 11 “The Sectional Conflict,” including texts by John C. Calhoun and William J. Grayson; Chapter 12 “The Fateful Decade,” including the Seneca Falls “Declaration of Sentiments” and excerpts from the U.S. Supreme Court case Dred Scott v. Sanford. Frederick Douglass, “What, to the American Slave, is Your 4Th of July?” (Website)

      Recommended Reading: Douglass, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave. Written by Himself. (http://docsouThursday.unc.edu/neh/douglass/menu.html)

5. Thursday February 9   Transcendentalism: Emerson and Thoreau

6. Tuesday February 14   The American Civil War and Abraham Lincoln

7. Thursday February 16   American Literary Realism and Naturalism
   Read: Gilman, “The Yellow Wall-Paper” in The Yellow Wall-Paper and Other Stories; Crane, "Maggie, Girl of the Streets" in The Open Boat and Other Stories.

8. Tuesday February 21   Realism and Impressionism in The Visual Arts

9. **Thursday February 23**  **Friedrich Nietzsche: The Limits of Knowledge and The Revaluation of Values**


10. **Tuesday February 28**  **Joseph Conrad and Colonialism**


11. **Thursday March 2**  **Freud**

Read: Freud, *Civilization and Its Discontents*, Chs. III, IV, V, VI and VIII.

12. **Tuesday March 7**  **Early 20th Century Art–Modernism, Post-Modernism, and Pop-Art**


13. **Thursday March 9**  **Populism and Progressivism in The United States**


Recommended Reading: Gerston and Christensen, *California Government and Politics: A Practical Approach* (any recent edition [10th or later]), Chapter 1.

14. **Tuesday March 14**  **World War I**

Read: Remarque, *All Quiet on The Western Front*, pages 1-186.

15. **Thursday March 16**  **Twentieth Century Revolutions**

Read: Remarque, *All Quiet on The Western Front*, pages 187-296. Lenin and Mao Tse Tung selections (Website.)

16. **Tuesday March 21**  **“Classical” Music from the 20th to the 21st Century**

Reading: Review course materials and notes

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17. **Thursday March 23**  **Modernist Poetry**


Also read, on Handout:

Spring Break and Caesar Chavez Day

18. Tuesday April 4  French Existentialism

19. Thursday April 6  The Great Depression and The New Deal
Read: Heffner: Chapter 22 “Boom and Bust”; Chapter 23 “The Roosevelt Revolution,” including FDR’s “First Inaugural Address” and “A Rendezvous With Destiny.”

20. Tuesday April 11  The Rise of Totalitarianism, Bureaucracy, and the Way to War
Read: B. Mussolini, “The Political and Social Doctrine of Fascism” (Excerpts). A. Hitler, My Struggle (Excerpts) (Website)

21. Thursday April 13  World War II and the Homefront

22. Tuesday April 18  The Holocaust, Genocides, and Acts of Inhumanity to Peoples in the 20th Century

23. Thursday April 20  Postcolonial African Literature
Read: Norton vol. F: Tayeb Salih, “The Doum Tree of Wad Hamid” (pages 815-824); Ngugi Wa Thiong’o, “Wedding at the Cross” (pages 1037-1048); Bessie Head, “The Deep River” (pages 1098-1103); Nawal el Saadawi, “In Camera” (1104-1114).

24. Tuesday April 25  California Government (Guest)
Read: Gerston and Christensen, California Government and Politics: A Practical Approach (any recent edition [10th, 11th, or 12th]), Chapters 2-9.

25. Thursday April 27  Pop Music
Read: Heffner: Chapter 26 “America at Midcentury,” pages 425-436.

TEST ON CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN SEMINAR

26. Tuesday May 2  Equal Protection of the Law: The Continuing Struggle for Civil Rights

27. Thursday May 4  Feminist Theory: Gender, Sexuality, and the Realities of Being a Woman
Link: [http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2014/08/04/woman](http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2014/08/04/woman-2)

28. Tuesday May 9  The Cold War, Vietnam, and Watergate


29. Thursday May 11  Four Themes in American Culture and History: 1980-present


30. Tuesday May 16  Celebration

FINAL EXAMINATIONS:

Monday May 22, 9:45-12:00. Short Answer Final in LECTURE hall.

Wednesday May 24, 9:45-12:00. Long Answer Final in SEMINAR rooms.
Book List for Humanities 2B

New Books for Humanities 2B:


Gerston and Christensen, California Government and Politics: A Practical Approach (any recent edition [10th, 11th, 12th, 13th]). Used copies are available on Amazon for less than $5. We recommend against buying a new copy for $95—it is a very slim paperback.


Remarque, Erich Maria. *All Quiet on The Western Front*, Ballantine Books. ISBN: 978-0449213940


Books used in Humanities 2B purchased for previous semesters (useful for students joining the program out-of-sequence):


Online Readings [Website]:

Online readings will be found on Professor Lindahl’s website here:

http://www.sjsu.edu/people/james.lindahl/courses