Reading Suggestions for Your Winter Break  
Humanities 1B, Spring, 2013

The following will be your reading assignments for the first three days of class in January:

Lecture 1: Mediterranean Religions at the Start of the Common Era  
The Bible, Matthew, Chapters 1-2, 5-7; Mark, Chapter 16; Luke, entire; John, Chapter 1:18; Acts of the Apostles, Chapters 1-3, 15-16

Lecture 2: Christianity in Mediterranean Cultures  
The Bible, Romans, chapters 1-9; I Corinthians, chapters 1-14; Revelation Chapters 4, 8, and 12-13.  
Humanities 1B Reader: Pliny the Younger’s Letter to Emperor Trajan regarding the Christians, and Trajan’s response.

Lecture 3: St. Augustine of Hippo: African, Roman, Christian  
Norton Anthology of World Literature, Volume B: Augustine, Confessions, pages 45-70; Philosophic Classics: Augustine, Confessions, Book XI, pages 280-289

Longer readings to tackle over your break:

- Norton Anthology of World Literature, Volume B, Beowulf, pages 107-182
- Norton Anthology of World Literature, Volume B, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, pages 725-780
- Norton Anthology of World Literature, Volume B, Tale of Genji, pages 1154-1269

We hope you will take the time to read the above at a comfortable pace, and enjoy them as captivating works of literature. Enjoy your break, and we wish you happy holidays.