Humanities 1A Reading List and Semester Plan: Fall 2015
Lindahl, Peter, Cooper, Scaff

Locations for Lecture and Seminars:

Lectures are in Morris Dailey Hall. Seminars are in the following rooms:

Lindahl Seminar (11): SH 240
Scaff Seminar (21): ENG 403 (incorrectly listed as Trost)
Cooper Seminar (31): Clark 308 (incorrectly listed as Olcott)
Peter Seminar (41): DMH 226B

Daily Reading List:

1. Th Aug 20 Introductory Lecture: San Jose State’s Humanities Honors Program (Panel)
   Reading: None

2. Tu Aug 25 The Rise of Mesopotamian Cultures
   Website: "The Code of Hammurabi."

3. Th Aug 27 The Hebrew Bible: Creations & Foundations
   Reading: The Bible: Genesis, Chs. 1-9; 11-13; 16-22; 37-50.

4. Tu Sep 1 Egyptian Culture: Confluence of Cultures in Western Asia and North Africa
   Reading: Stokstad, Art History, vol.1, pp.49-79
   The Bible: Exodus Chs. 3 -20
   Website: “The Book of the Dead” (excerpt)

5. Th Sep 3 The Hebrew Bible: Law, Politics and History
   Reading: The Bible: Exodus 20-23; I Samuel, Chs. 8-10; 16-18; 24-26; II Samuel, Ch. 11-12.

6. Tu Sep 8 The Hebrew Bible: Wisdom Literature
   Reading: The Bible: Ecclesiastes, Chs. 1-4, 12; Job, Chs. 1-13 ; 38-42; Psalms, 1, 23; Proverbs, 1, 8.

7. Th Sep 10 Mycenaean and Minoan Art and the foundation of Greek Religion
   Reading: Stokstad, Art History, vol.1, pp.81-99

8. Tu Sep 15 Oral Literatures and Oral Cultures: Homer
   (Review Gilgamesh & Genesis)

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1 This is the course reading list and not the full syllabus/greensheet. Each seminar provides its students with the full syllabus/greensheet which contains all the relevant information about the course and its assessment.
9. Th Sep 17  Institutions of Archaic Greece and the invention of Democracy

10. Tu Sep 22  Ancient Indian Religion and Philosophy
    Reading: Stokstad, *Art History*, vol.3, pp.295-312
           Website: Buddha, "Four Noble Truths."

11. Th Sep 24  Athenian Drama and Social Values in Classical Greece: Aeschylus
           Aristotle, *Poetics* (excerpts); pp. 1149-1153.

12. Tu Sep 29  Religion and Politics in Greek Tragedy: Sophocles

13. Th Oct 1   Greek Archaic and early classical art
    Reading: Stokstad, *Art History*, vol.1, pp.101-134
           Continue discussion of Antigone in seminar.

14. Tu Oct 6   PreSocratic Greek Philosophy
    Reading: Thucydides, *On Justice, Power, and Human Nature*:
           1 Early history & method (pp.1-13);
           2a Explanation for the war (pp.15-16);
           2d Pericles’ war speech, etc. (pp. 31-37);
           3a-b Pericles and the plague (pp.39-50);
           3d-e Pericles’ last speech & Thucydides’ judgment of Pericles (pp. 52-58)
           Website: The PreSocratics (selections.)

15. Th Oct 8   Thucydides and Athenian Imperialism
    Reading: Thucydides, *On Justice, Power, and Human Nature*:
           4c Mytilenean Debate (pp.59-76)
           6c Melian Dialogue (pp.102-109)
           7  Sicilian Expedition (pp.111-154)

16. Tu Oct 13  Greek Comedy

17. Th Oct 15  MIDTERM EXAM IN SEMINAR
           NO LECTURE MEETING THE DAY OF THE MIDTERM

18. Tu Oct 20  Socrates
19. Th Oct 22  Plato’s Republic

Reading:  *From Plato to Derrida*: Plato, *Republic* as follows:
Bk. I; pp. 59-65
Bk. II pp. 67-71 (359d -361a; 368a -369d)
Bk. III; pp. 78-82 (412b -417b)
Bk. IV pp. 87-88 ( 433a -434d)

20. Tu Oct 27  Classical and Hellenistic Art

Reading:  Stokstad, Art History, vol.1, pp.135-155
*From Plato to Derrida*: Plato, *Republic*
Bk. VI p114 -118 ( 507a -511e) &
Bk.VII; pp.119-124
Continue discussion of the *Republic* in seminar.

21. Th Oct 29  The Position of “the Other” in Ancient Greek Society: Women, Slaves, and Strangers


22. Tu Nov 3  Aristotle’s Ethics and Politics

Reading:  *From Plato to Derrida*: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*.
Bk. I; pp. 164-165 (1094a-1095a13 Aiming at the good, Politics as Master Science, Limitations)
Bk. II; pp. 178-187 (1103a-1109b Doctrine of the mean)

Online readings from Aristotle’s *Politics*:
http://classics.mit.edu/Aristotle/politics.html
Book One;  Parts I and II (The polis, man is a political animal)
Book Four; Part II (The six types of government) Part XI (The merits of a middle class constitution)

23. Th Nov 5  Alexander the Great and the Spread of Hellenism

Reading:  Website:  Plutarch, “Life of Alexander the Great”
“The Hippocratic Oath.”

24. Tu Nov 10  Ancient Chinese Culture and Society

“Classic of Poetry,” pp. 1320-1330;
Confucius, *Analects*, pp.1331-1344;
Laozi & *Daodejing*, pp.1344-1350;
Zhuangzi, pp. 1374-1380,1387-1395.

25. Th Nov 12  Chinese Art

Reading:  Stokstad, *Art History*, vol.3, pp.331-355

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26. Tu Nov 17  Greek and Roman Poetry
   Reading: Greek and Roman Poetry (website)

27. Th Nov 19  Roman Culture and History
             Book IV pp. 1008-1027.

28. Tu Nov 24  Western Culture as a Recursive Process: Vergil
   Reading: Norton Anthology Vol. A: Vergil, Aeneid, Bks. VI (Website)
             Book XII (excerpts); pp. 1048 -1073.

   Thanksgiving Break

29. Tu Dec 1  Roman Philosophy and Eastern Resonances
   Reading: From Plato to Derrida: Epicurus, Letter to Menoeceus, pp.232-235;
             Epictetus, Enchiridion, pp. 239-251;
             Sextus Empiricus, Outlines of Pyrrhonism, pp. 253-257.

30. Th Dec 3  The Roman Empire
   Reading: Norton Anthology Vol. A: Ovid , Metamorphoses, pp. 1073 -1117

31. Tu Dec 8  Roman Art
   Reading: Stokstad, Art History, vol.1 pp. 166-197.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS:

Friday, December 11, 9:45-12:00. Long Answer Final in SEMINAR rooms.

Wednesday, December 16, 9:45-12:00. Short Answer Final in LECTURE hall.
**Book List for Humanities 1A**


**Note on expense, usage, and purchase of books:**

You will likely experience some degree of shock when you receive the sum total on the cost of these books. While it is an expensive set of books, as most classes go, know that most of these books will be used for the entire four-semester series and that you will be required to buy only a few more (mostly inexpensive books) in later semesters. It is expensive at the start but the cost over four semesters is not bad.

On any given day you will need to have a physical copy of the book that is assigned and you will need to bring it with you to class. Lectures and seminars often make reference to specific quotations on specific pages and you will need to open your book during class to be able to follow and take notes. Different editions of books or e-books usually do not have the same page numbers and will leave you lost in class.

It is also productive to shop around. The Spartan bookstore, of course, has all of the required books but tends not to be very competitive in pricing. You can save a substantial amount of money ordered the books from retailers like Amazon. But, be careful! Many of the books have different versions and different editions. The ISBNs are listed above to assist you in making sure you have the right book if you get it from another source. If the ISBN is right, the book is right.

Also, you do not need to use that particular edition of the Bible if you have access to another copy although, we are partial to the “New Revised Standard” translation.

**Online Readings [Website]:**

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

http://www.sjsu.edu/people/james.lindahl/courses/Hum1A/