

CONTEMPORARY CIVILIZATION READING LIST
COCI 1101, FALL 2023

REQUIRED TEXTS

Plato, *Republic* (Hackett, tr. Grube)
Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* (Oxford, tr. Ross)
Aristotle, *Politics* (Hackett, tr. Reeve)
The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha (Oxford, ed. Coogan)
Augustine, *City of God* (Penguin, tr. Bettenson)
The Qur'an (Oxford, tr. Haleem)
Aquinas, *Law, Morality, and Politics* (Hackett, tr. Regan)
Christine de Pizan, *The Book of the Body Politic* (Cambridge, tr. Langdon Forhan)
Machiavelli **EITHER** *The Prince* (Oxford, tr. Bondanella)
OR *The Discourses* (Penguin, tr. Walker)
Descartes **EITHER** *A Discourse on the Method* (Oxford, tr. Maclean)
OR *Meditations on First Philosophy* (Oxford, tr. Moriarty)
Hobbes, *Leviathan* (Norton, ed. Johnston)
Locke, *Political Writings* (Hackett, ed. Wootton)
Rousseau, *The Basic Political Writings* (Hackett, tr. Cress)

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REQUIRED READINGS (20 out of 26 sessions)

Plato, *Republic* [2 sessions minimum]
Optional: Baldwin, "A Talk to Teachers" *

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* and *Politics* [2]

Exodus (1-25), in *The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha* [1]
Optional: 1 Samuel (8-10, 12-13, 15-20) and 2 Samuel (7, 11, 13-15, 18-19), Ecclesiastes

Matthew (1-7, 24-28), Romans (1-13), and Galatians, in *The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha* [1]

Augustine, *City of God* [1]

The Qur'an (1, 3 [pp. 31-63], 12, 18, 96, 113, 114) [1]

Religion and Philosophy in the Middle Ages [1]

- Al-Farabi, *On the Perfect City-State* (chs. 15-18) *
- Ibn Tufayl, "The Story of Hayy ibn Yaqzan" *
- Ibn Rushd, "On the Harmony of Religion and Philosophy" *
- Aquinas, *Law, Morality and Politics* (selections)
- Optional: Maimonides, *The Guide of the Perplexed* *
- Optional: Al Gazhali, "The Rescuer from Error" *

Christine de Pizan, *The Book of the Body Politic* [1]

Optional: Christine de Pizan, *The Book of the City of Ladies* (Book I, chs. 1-11)

Machiavelli, **EITHER** *The Prince* **OR** *The Discourses* [1]

Conquest of the Americas [2]

- Council of Castile, “El Requerimiento” *
- Vitoria, *On the American Indians* (questions 1 and 3) *
- Leon-Portilla, ed., *The Broken Spears: The Aztec Account of the Conquest of Mexico* (pp 3-36, 127-149) *
- *Codex Telleriano-Remensis* (fol. 46r) *
- Columbus, “Letter of Columbus to Luis de Santangel” *
- Garcilaso de la Vega, El Inca, *Royal Commentaries of the Incas and General History of Peru* *
- Optional: Felipe Guaman Poma de Ayala, “Appeal Concerning the Priests” *

Luther [1]

- “Preface to the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans” *
- “Concerning Governmental Authority” *
- “The Twelve Articles of the Swabian Peasants” *
- “Friendly Admonition to Peace Concerning the Twelve Articles of the Swabian Peasants” *

Descartes, **EITHER** *A Discourse on the Method* **OR** *Meditations on First Philosophy* [1]

Optional: Shapiro, ed., *The Correspondence between Princess Elisabeth of Bohemia and René Descartes* *

Hobbes, *Leviathan* [2]

Locke, *The Second Treatise of Government in Political Writings* (pp.261-387) [1]

Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origin and Foundations of Inequality among Men* and *On the Social Contract in The Basic Political Writings* (pp. 27-92, 153-252) [2]

CONTEMPORARY CIVILIZATION READING LIST COCI 1102, SPRING 2024

REQUIRED TEXTS

Smith, *The Wealth of Nations* (Modern Library, ed. Cannan)

Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals* (Cambridge, tr. Gregor and Timmermann)

Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* (Oxford, ed. Todd)

Tocqueville, *Democracy in America* (Penguin, tr. Bevan)

Mill, *On Liberty, Utilitarianism and Other Essays* (Oxford, ed. Philp and Rosen)

The Marx-Engels Reader (Norton, ed. Tucker)

Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morals and Ecce Homo* (Vintage, ed. Kaufmann)

Du Bois, *The Souls of Black Folk* (Oxford, ed. Edwards)

Ambedkar, *Annihilation of Caste* (Verso, ed. Anand)

Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth* (Grove, tr. Philcox)

Arendt, *Crises of the Republic* (Harvest)

Foucault, *Discipline and Punish* (Vintage, tr. Sheridan)

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Smith, *The Wealth of Nations* [1]

Optional: Smith, *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* *

Optional: Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals*

Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals* [1]

Optional: Kant, *Anthropology from a Pragmatic Point of View*

Bentham, "Of the Principle of Utility," in *An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation* [pp. 17-22] [1] *

Optional: Bentham, *Panopticon; or The Inspection-House*

Revolutions and Rights [2]

- The United States
 - "Declaration of Independence" *
 - "The Bill of Rights" *
 - Paine, *Common Sense* *
- France
 - "The Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen, 1789" *
 - De Gouges, "Declaration of the Rights of Woman" *
 - Sieyès, "What is the Third Estate?" *
- Haiti
 - "Haitian Constitution of 1801" *
 - "The Haitian Declaration of independence, 1804" *
 - "The 1805 Constitution of Haiti" *
- Optional: Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*
- Optional: Bentham, "Anarchical Fallacies" *

Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* [1]

Tocqueville [1]

- *Democracy in America*
- "Essay on Algeria" *

Mill, "On Liberty," in *On Liberty, Utilitarianism and Other Essays* (pp. 5-112) [1]

Optional: Mill, "On the Negro Question"

Optional: Mill, "Utilitarianism," in *On Liberty, Utilitarianism and Other Essays* (pp. 113-77)

Abolition [1]

David Walker, *Appeal to the Colored Citizens of the World* *

Frederick Douglass, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" *

Sojourner Truth, "Ain't I a Woman?" (1851 and 1863 versions) *

Optional: Maria Stewart, "Religion and the Pure Principles of Morality"

Optional: Maria Stewart, "An Address Delivered to the African Masonic Hall"

Optional: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, "Address to the Legislature of New York" *

The Marx-Engels Reader [1]

Darwin, *Descent of Man* (chs. 4, 7, 20 and 21) [1] *

Optional: Darwin, *Origin of Species* (chs. 1, 3, 4, and 14)

Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morals* [1]

Du Bois [1]

- *The Souls of Black Folk*
- "Of the Culture of White Folk" *

Anticolonialism [1]

- Gandhi, "Hind Swaraj or Indian Home Rule" *
- Ambedkar *Annihilation of Caste*

Fanon, "On Violence," in *The Wretched of the Earth* (pp. 1-62) [1]

Arendt, "On Violence," in *Crises of the Republic* (pp. 103-98) [1]

Optional: Arendt, "Civil Disobedience," in *Crises of the Republic* (pp. 49-102)

Optional: Arendt, "Truth and Politics" *

Foucault, *Discipline and Punish* [1]

Race, Gender, and Sexuality [1]

- Barbara Fields "Slavery, Race, and Ideology in the United States of American" *
- Combahee River Collective, "A Black Feminist Statement" *
- Saidiya Hartman "Venus in Two Acts" *
- Saidiya Hartman, *Lose your Mother* (prologue) *
- Optional: Hortense Spillers, "Mama's Baby, Papa's Maybe: An American Grammar Book"
- Optional: Sylvia Wynter, "No Humans Involved. An Open Letter to My Colleagues"
- Optional: Charles Mills, *The Racial Contract*

Climate and Futures [1]

- Dipesh Chakrabarty, "The Climate of History: Four Theses" *
- Kyle Powys Whyte, "Is It Colonial Déjà Vu? Indigenous Peoples and Climate Injustice" *
- Optional: Carson, *Silent Spring*