

HUMANITIES 110 REED COLLEGE, SPRING 2005

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Apuleius, trans. Lindsay, *The Golden Ass* (Indiana University Press)
Athanasius, *Life of St. Antony the Great* (Eastern Orthodox)
Augustine, *Confessions* (Oxford University Press)
The New Oxford Annotated Bible with the Apocrypha/ New Revised Standard Version: College Edition
(Oxford University Press)
Brown, *World of Late Antiquity* (W. W. Norton)
Freeman, *Egypt, Greece, and Rome: Civilizations of the Ancient Mediterranean* (Oxford)
Josephus, *The Jewish War* (Penguin USA)
Livy, *The Rise of Rome*, Books 1-5 (Oxford)
Lucretius, *On the Nature of Things*, trans. W. Englert (Focus Philosophical Library)
Ovid, *Metamorphoses* (Oxford World Classics)
The Essential Plotinus, ed. E. O'Brien (Hackett).
Seneca, *The Stoic Philosophy of Seneca* (W. W. Norton)
Tacitus, *The Agricola and the Germania* (Penguin USA)
Tacitus, *The Annals of Imperial Rome* (Penguin USA)
Virgil, *The Aeneid* (Bantam Doubleday Dell Publications)
Readings on the Roman World (Pamphlet / Bookstore)

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

Harvey, *The Nuts and Bolts of College Writing* (Hackett)
Williams, *The Craft of Argument* (Chicago)

All texts may be purchased at the Reed College Bookstore; a limited number of each is on reserve in the Library. Also on reserve: *Oxford Classical Dictionary*; *Oxford Companion to Classical Literature*; *Anchor Atlas of World History, Volume I*; Richard Lanham, *Revising Prose*.

CONFERENCE ASSIGNMENTS:

The Registrar makes initial assignments to conferences in this course which continue through the year. Students who subsequently find it necessary to change conferences must petition the Humanities staff (forms for this purpose may be obtained from the Registrar or from Kathy Kennedy, Chem 303). Turn in completed forms to Nathalia King, Hum 110 Chair, in Vollum 305. No conference changes will be permitted after the second week of the term.

PAPERS, WRITING ASSIGNMENTS, AND EXAMINATIONS:

Three course-wide papers will be assigned, due at the times designated on the schedule of readings and lectures. A mid-term examination will be given on Friday, March 11 from 9:00-9:50 a.m. in Vollum Lecture Hall. A final examination for the spring term will be given in finals week **Monday, May 9, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**, in Vollum Lecture Hall. Rescheduling of the mid-term or final exam will be allowed only for medical reasons.

ELECTRONIC ACCESS:

An archive of course materials for Humanities 110 is available on the course's web page. It includes the syllabus, paper topics, and many of the lecture handouts from this year and last year, as well as some pages designed to help students tap Internet resources on course-related subjects. The web page may be reached through Reed's main page via Academic Life and Departments, or directly at: <http://web.reed.edu/academic/departments/Humanities/Hum110>. Many of the course materials are also archived in Microsoft Word format on the Courses Server (via the Chooser in the zone Academic Servers).

SCHEDULE OF READINGS AND LECTURES

Week 1

Jan. 24 Charles Freeman, *Egypt, Greece and Rome*, chapters 16 to 21; Clifford Geertz, "Religion as a Cultural System" (in *Readings*)
Lecture: Observing Imperialism: Alexander, Hellenism and the Rise of the Roman Machine / Pancho Savery

- Jan. 26 Livy, *The Rise of Rome*, Preface and Book I, pp. 3-70
Lecture: Livy and the Re-Creation of Rome / Walter Englert
- Jan. 28 Livy, *The Rise of Rome*, Book 2 and Book 5.19-end, pp. 71-139, 302-341
Lecture: Livy and Roman Virtue / Tony Iaccarino
- Week 2
- Jan. 31 Augustus, *The Accomplishments of Augustus*; Suetonius' "Augustus" from *The Twelve Caesars* (both in *Readings*); Freeman, chapter 22.
Lecture: From Octavian to Augustus / Ellen Millender
- Feb. 2 Galinsky, "Art and Architecture"; Holliday, "Time, History, and Ritual on the Ara Pacis Augustae"; (both in *Readings*)
Lecture: Contexts for the Ara Pacis / William Diebold
- Feb. 4 Garnsey and Saller, *The Roman Empire*, Chapters 2, 6-9, Conclusion (in *Readings*).
Lecture: Families and Friends / Michael Breen
- Week 3
- Feb. 7 Virgil, *Aeneid*, Books 1-4
Lecture: Eros and Empire / Nathalia King
- Feb. 9 Virgil, *Aeneid*, Books 5-8
Lecture: Virgil and Ekphrasis / Elizabeth Drumm
- Feb. 11 Virgil, *Aeneid*, Books 9-12
Lecture: The Ending of the *Aeneid* / Walter Englert
- FIRST PAPER DUE Saturday, Feb. 12th 5 p.m.
- Week 4
- Feb. 14 Ovid, *Metamorphoses*, Books 1-3
Lecture: Erring by Design / Jay Dickson
- Tuesday** Feb 15 "The Roman Arena," video presentation, 8:00-9:00 pm, Psych. 105
- Feb. 16 Ovid, *Metamorphoses*, Books 4-6, 15
Lecture: Silver Latin / Nigel Nicholson
- Feb. 18 Tacitus, *Annals*, pp. 31-60, 90-99, 104-128
Lecture: Of Empire and Emperors: Tacitus and The Writing of History / Alex Nice
- Saturday** Feb. 19 "I, Claudius" ("Family Matters" "Poison is Queen"), video presentation, 7:00-9:00 pm, Psychology 105
- Week 5
- Feb. 21 Tacitus, *Annals*, pp. 157-255
Lecture: Between Republic and Empire / Michael Breen
- Tuesday** Feb. 22 "I, Claudius" ("Zeus! By Jove," "A God in Colchester"), video presentation, 7:00-9:00 pm, Psych. 105
- Feb. 23 Tacitus, *Annals*, pp. 275-324, 335-397
Lecture: Gossip / Jay Dickson
- Feb. 25 Seneca, *The Stoic Philosophy of Seneca: On Providence, On the Tranquillity of the Mind, and Letters*, 47, 65, 70
Lecture: Stoicism and the Bad / Paul Hovda
- Week 6
- Feb. 28 Lucretius, *The Way Things Are (De Rerum Natura)*, Books 1 and 3
Lecture: Epicurean Naturalism / Paul Hovda

- March 2 Lucretius, *The Way Things Are (De Rerum Natura)*,
 Books 5 and 6
 Lecture: The Trouble with Being Dead / Steve Arkonovich
- March 3 Guest Lecture: Professor Eric Gruen / VLH, 7:30 PM
- March 4 Tacitus, *Germania* in *The Agricola and the Germania*; Tacitus, *Histories* 5. 1-10 (in *Readings*)
 Lecture: Two Cities: Identity and Alterity / Nathalia King

Week 7

- March 7 Josephus, *The Jewish War*, pp 27-132; Tacitus, *Histories* 5. 1-10 (in *Readings*)
 Lecture: The Empire Writes Back / Laura Leibman
- March 9 *Genesis: 1-21*; Stephen Geller, "The Religion of the Bible"; Marc Zvi Brettler, "The Canonization of the
 Bible" (both in *Readings*)
 Lecture: Back to Basics / Kambiz GhaneaBassiri
- March 11 MID-TERM EXAM: 9-9:50 a.m., in VLH

12-19 MARCH: SPRING BREAK

Week 8

- March 21 *Genesis* 21-50; Nancy Jay, "The Logic of Sacrifice" and "Sacrifice and Descent"
 (in *Readings*)
 Lecture: Sacrifices and Stories / Gail Sherman
- March 23 *Exodus* 1-23
 Lecture: History as Sacred Text / David Garrett
- March 25 *Exodus* 24-40; Jonathan Klawans, "Concepts of Purity in the Bible"; Mary Douglas, "Secular Defilement"
 and "The Abominations of Leviticus" (both in *Readings*)
 Lecture: To Distinguish Holy from Unholy: Sacrifice and Purities in the Torah / Steve Wasserstrom

SECOND PAPER DUE: Saturday, March 26th, 5 p.m.

Week 9

- March 28 Paul, *Romans*; *Acts* 9-19; Frend, "Paul and the First Expansion 30-65" (in *Readings*)
 Lecture: Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles / Robert Knapp
- March 30 Josephus, *The Jewish War*, pp. 133-48, and 287-408.
 Lecture: Varieties of Religious Experience / Nathalia King

Thursday March 31 "From Jesus to Christ," video presentation, 7:00-9:00 pm, Bio 19

- April 1 *Gospel of Matthew*; *Gospel of Thomas* (in *Readings*)
 Lecture: Interpretation in Matthew and Thomas / Gail Sherman

Week 10

- April 4 *Gospel of John*
 Lecture: Between Jew and Hellene: the Emerging Christian Community of the
 Gospel of John / Ellen Stauder
- Tuesday** April 5 "From Jesus to Christ," video presentation, 7:00-9:00 pm, Psych. 105
- April 6 *The Tractate Avot (The Ethics of the Fathers)*; Benjamin Sommer, "Inner-biblical Interpretation"; Yaakov
 Elam, "Classical Rabbinical Interpretation" (both in *Readings*)
 Lecture: *Tractate Avot* and Rabbinic Law / Steve Wasserstrom
- April 8 Joseph Gutman, "The Synagogue at Dura-Europos"; Wharton, *Refiguring the Post Classical City*; (both
 in *Readings*)
 Lecture: Jews and Christians in Dura-Europos / William Diebold

Week 11

- April 11 Apuleius, *Golden Ass*
Lecture: Telling Stories / Gail Sherman
- April 13 Apuleius, *Golden Ass*
Lecture: A Serious Joke: The Golden Ass Between Religion and Philosophy/
Steve Wasserstrom
- April 15 Athanasius, *Life of St. Anthony*
Lecture: Holy Bodies / Ray Kierstead

Week 12

- April 18 *The Martyrdom of Saints Perpetua and Felicitas* (in *Readings*); Brown, *The World of Late Antiquity*, pp. 1-112
Lecture: The Martyrdom of Perpetua / Nathalia King
- April 20 Plotinus, I.6 ("Beauty"), pp. 33-44; V.9, ("The Intelligence, The Ideas and Being"), pp. 45-58; III,8 ("Contemplation,"), pp. 162-176.
Lecture: Plotinus and His Roots in Plato and Aristotle / Margaret Scharle
- April 22 Augustine, *Confessions*
Lecture: Augustine and the Art of Transformation / Nigel Nicholson

THIRD PAPER DUE: Saturday, April 23th, 5 p.m.

Week 13

- April 25 Augustine, *Confessions*
Lecture: Augustine and Ambrose in Milan / William Diebold
- April 27 Augustine, *Confessions*
Lecture: Augustine and the Problem of Evil / Steve Arkonovich
- April 29 Augustine, *Confessions*
Lecture: The End / Jan Mieszkowski

FINAL EXAM: Monday, May 9, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., in Vollum Lecture Hall

Historical Order of Texts

Paul 54-58 ce (executed c. 65-67)
Josephus 67-70 ce (destruction of Temple)
Matthew 75-100 ce

Revelation 81-96 ce
John 100 ce
Apuleius 150-200 ce

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Perpetua 201 ce
Antony 311 ce

Tractate Avot 70-300 ce
Plotinus
Augustine 354-430

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