

Humanities 124.007
The Ancient World
Driggers
Reading List and Weekly Class Calendar

Week 1 ▪ January 12 - 16

Readings:

Fiero: 1-17, 36-45

The Asheville Reader (AR):

Reading a Primary Text from Antiquity, Essay on Translation (appendices),
Hammurabi

Week 2 ▪ January 19 - 23

Readings:

Epic of Gilgamesh

No Monday Lecture *Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday*

Week 3 ▪ January 26 – 30

Readings:

Fiero: 19-35

AR: Sinuhe, Love Poems, Instruction of Amenemope,

Monday Lecture: *Egypt* • Dr. David Hopes

Week 4 ▪ February 2 – 6

Readings:

Fiero: 61-65, 158 -70

AR: Confucius, Laozi, The Book of Songs, Han Feizi

Monday Lecture: *China* • Dr. Grant Hardy

Thursday, February 5: **Exam #1** (*Prehistory / Mesopotamia / Egypt*)

Week 5 ▪ February 9 - 13

Readings:

Fiero: 58-61

The Bhagavad Gita

Monday Lecture: *India* • Dr. Cindy Ho

Week 6 ▪ February 16 - 20

Readings:

"There is No Self" <http://www.as.miami.edu/phi/bio/Buddha/Milinda.htm>

AR: Selected Buddhist Texts (all)

Monday Lecture: *Buddhism* • Dr. Edward Falls

Thursday, February 19: **Exam #2** (*China / India / Buddhism*)

Week 7 ▪ February 23 – 28

Readings:

Fiero: 67-73,76-77

Iliad (Books 1-6, 8-9, 14, 16, 18, 22-24)

Monday Lecture: *The Iliad and Warfare* • Dr. Grant Hardy

Thursday, February 27: **Cultural Event Response #1 Due**

Week 8 ▪ March 2 – 6

Readings:

Fiero: 78-93

The Trojan Women

AR: Lyric Poetry (all); Herodotus (excerpt on 297-321); Thucydides

Monday Lecture *Greek City States and Greek Tragedy*• Dr. Sophie Mills

Tuesday, March 3: **Essay #1 Due**

Week 9 ▪ March 9 – 13

UNCA Spring Break • No Class

Week 10 ▪ March 16 - 20

Readings:

Fiero: 94-105

Plato: "The Apology of Socrates" from *Trial and Death of Socrates*

AR: Pre-Socratic Philosophers, Aristotle

Monday Lecture *Ancient Western Philosophy* • Dr. Brian Hook

Week 11 ▪ March 23 - 27

Readings:

Fiero: 56-57, 122-128

AR: Plutarch, Zarathustra, Epicurus, Cleanthes, Epictetus

Monday Lecture: *Persia, Zoroastrianism, & Alexander the Great* ▪
Dr. David Hopes

Thursday, March 28 **Cultural Event Response #2 Due**

Friday, March 27 Undergraduate Research Symposium Day – No Classes

Week 12 ▪ March 30 – April 3

Readings:

Fiero: 46-57

AR: Judges, Amos, Maccabees, Josephus

Monday Lecture: *Second Temple Judaism* • Dr. Samuel Kaplan

Thursday, April 3 **Exam # 3 (Greece / Persia / Ancient Israel)**

Week 13 ▪ April 6 - 10

Readings:

Fiero: 129-143

AR: Livy (excerpts on 447-455, 468-481), Polybius, Augustus, Tacitus

The Aeneid: Chapters 1 – 4 and 6

Monday Lecture: *Republic to Empire* • Dr. Brian Hook

Week 14 ▪ April 13 - 17

Readings:

AR: Dead Sea Scrolls, Matthew, Acts, 1 Corinthians; Diary of Perpetua
at www.fordham.edu/halsall/perpetua-excerpt.html.

Monday Lecture: *Early Christianity* • Dr. Merritt Moseley

Week 15 ▪ April 20 - 24

Readings:

AR: Gorgias, Musonius Rufus; Sappho, poems 1, 4, and 8, as well as the Shorter Fragments, found at <http://www.stoa.org/diotima/anthology/rayor.shtml>

Monday Lecture: *Gender and Sexuality in Antiquity* · James Driggers

Thursday, April 23 **Cultural Event Response #3 Due**

Week 16 ▪ April 27 – May 1

Readings:

Fiero: 106-122, 143 – 157

Monday Lecture: *Art of the Classical World* • Dr. John McClain

Monday, April 28 **Essay #2 Due**

Week 17 ▪ May 4 - 8

Monday, May 4 **Exam #4 / Final Exam** (Rome / Early Christianity)