HON 171 Syllabus

HON 171: The Human Event, I

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Office Hours: MWF, 2:00-4:00,
or by appointment.

Texts:

The following works are required for purchase:


The Tragedy of King Lear (The New Folger Library Shakespeare) by William Shakespeare, Barbara A. Mowat and Paul Werstine eds, Washington Square Pr;


A course reader packet is available from The Alternative Copy Shop - 204 E University (Phone 480 / 829 7992), behind the Chuck Box restaurant (University & Forrest).

Assignments:

Papers (10+20+30) 60%

Final Examination 10%
Participation 20%

Peer-Review Editing 6% (2+2+2, all or nothing)

Discussion leading 4% (all or nothing)

Electronic Resources:
A class web site will be at http://www.public.asu.edu/~jmlynch/171.html and will feature links, notes and other material which will (hopefully) make the experience of reading these works more enriching. In addition, there is a class mailing list which all students must subscribe to. Please send the message SUBSCRIBE LYNCH-L YOUR NAME to LISTSERV@ASU.EDU to subscribe. I will use this list to make important announcements and to conduct other class business.

Policies and Procedures:
Failure to submit a paper by the due time and date will result in the loss of one grade point for that assignment per day, or part thereof.

Grading policy: Short papers, excessive spelling or grammatical errors and lack of a clear argument and/or thesis statement will all result in loss of points. See the guidelines on the class webpage.

Attendance: Missing four classes will result in a 50% reduction of your participation score. Missing five classes will result in immediate failure of the course.

Schedule of Readings:

Aug 21 Introduction to class

Aug 23 Babylonian Creation: Enuma Elish [Reader]
Aug 25  
[*)Babylonian Epic: Gilgamesh [Norton, 18-47]

Aug 28  
The Pentateuch: Genesis [N, 51-59]

Aug 30  
[*)Old Testament: The Book of Job [N, 72-88]

Sep 1  
[*)The Pelasgian Creation Myth [R]; Hesiod: Theogony & Works and Days [R]; Ovid: Metamorphoses [R]

Sep 4  
Labor Day - No Class

Sep 6  
Discussion: The Legacy of Monotheism

Sep 8  
Peer Review of Paper #1 Drafts

Sep 11  
[*)Plato: Euthyphro [Plato, 7-27]

Sep 13  
[*)Plato: Apology [P, 37-67]

Sep 15  
Plato: Crito [P, 76-96]

Sep 18  

Sep 20  
Russell [R]

Paper #1 due in class
Sep 21  [*]Sappho [N, 515-517] and Catullus [N, 809-814]

Sep 25  [*]Sophocles: Oedipus Rex [N, 599-640]

Sep 27  Aristotle: Poetics [N, 747-750 & R]

Sep 29  [*]Aristotle: Ethics, Book II [R]

Oct 2   [*]Aristotle: Ethics, Book X [R]


Oct 6   [*]Augustine: Confessions [N, 1005-1035]

Oct 9   Aquinas: Summa Theologica [R]

Oct 11  [*]Hinduism: Bhagavad Gita [R]

Oct 13  Thousand and One Nights [N, 1588-1609]

Oct 16  Peer Review of Paper #2 Drafts


Oct 20  Dante: Inferno, continued. Cantos XII-XXII
Oct 23  Dante: Inferno, continued. Cantos XXII-XXXIV

Oct 25  Discussion: The Impact of Christianity

          Paper #2 due in class.

Oct 27  Pico: Oration on the Dignity of Man [R]

Oct 30  Erasmus: Praise of Folly [N, 1682-1705]

Nov  1  [*]Machiavelli: The Prince [N, 1709-1721]

Nov  3  [*]Montaigne: Essays [N, 1925-1960]

Nov  6  [*]Shakespeare: King Lear, Acts I & II

Nov  8  Shakespeare: King Lear, Acts III to V

Nov 10  Veterans Day - No class

Nov 13  [*]Galileo: Letter to the Grand Duchess Christina [R]

Nov 15  [*]Descartes: Discourse on Method, Books I - III [R]

Nov 17  Descartes: Discourse on Method, Books IV - VI [R]
Nov 20  Discussion: Skepticism and The Scientific Revolution

Nov 22  Peer Review of Paper #3 Drafts

Nov 24  Thanksgiving - No class

Nov 27  [*]Milton: Paradise Lost [N, 2197-2256]

Nov 29  Milton: Paradise Lost continued

Dec 1  Discussion: What (if anything) have we lost?

                    Paper #3 due in class.

Dec 4  Final Essay Examination.


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