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REQUIRED TEXTS: Ebenstein & Ebenstein, *Great Political Thinkers*. Hannah Arendt, *Between Past and Future*

READING ASSIGNMENTS, LECTURE TOPICS, AND EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Week of January 27: Introductory lecture and Ebenstein & Ebenstein, pp. 3-74. (The politics of Ancient Greece; Plato).


Week of February 10: Ebenstein & Ebenstein, pp. 131-150, 173-181. (The politics of the Roman Empire; Cicero; Judaism and Christianity).

Week of February 17: Ebenstein & Ebenstein, pp. 181-198. (St. Augustine). Friday: Discussion and Review.


Week of March 24: SPRING BREAK


Week of April 14: Ebenstein & Ebenstein, pp. 578-614. (Tocqueville; John Stuart Mill).

Week of April 28: Arendt, Chapters One, Three, and Four. Monday: "Tradition and the Modern Age" Wednesday: "What is Authority?" Friday: "What is Freedom?"

Week of May 5: Arendt, Chapters Six and Seven. Monday: "The Crisis in Culture" Wednesday: "Truth and Politics" Friday: Discussion and Review for Final Examination.

FINAL EXAMINATION: 10:10-12:10, FRIDAY, MAY 16.

NOTES

1. THE THREE EXAMINATIONS WILL ADDRESS MATERIAL FROM THE LECTURES AS WELL AS MATERIAL FROM READING ASSIGNMENTS.

2. MARCH 10 IS THE LAST DAY TO DROP A COURSE OR CHANGE THE GRADING OPTION.

3. PROFESSOR PERRIN'S OFFICE IS IN LA 156. REGULAR OFFICE HOURS ARE 8:30-9:30 A.M., MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY. STUDENTS WHO DO NOT FIND THESE TIMES CONVENIENT ARE ENCOURAGED TO SCHEDULE OTHER APPOINTMENTS.