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January 9 – Introduction to the Course Syllabus; Political Philosophy and History

January 11 – What is Political Philosophy? Read: Leo Strauss, "What is Political Philosophy" pg. 343 - 355 (on