

Starting with the second day of class (January 17th) students are expected to submit questions and reflections on the day's reading prior to every class. NOTE: **Questions are due by 9am of the day of class.** I grade questions on a point scale of 0 to 3. Reading questions are a way for me to keep track of how students are reading a text. They also create a more interesting course and allow every student to have his or her say. I do not need more than a paragraph. Please give the page numbers for any citations or quotes.

As long as students are thoughtful in their responses they should have nothing to worry about with the reading questions and no fear of being wrong. However, if I think the student did not make enough effort or clearly did not read the assignment I will mark the student down. The reading reflections and questions are found on Moodle.

Quizzes start on the second week of class and are noted in the calendar. Starting with the second quiz students may expect to see some questions from previous quizzes. For example quiz 4 will have new questions and could have questions from quizzes 1 through 3.

The Prince by Niccolo Machiavelli translated by Harvey C. Mansfield, second edition
ISBN: 978-0226500447

Four Texts on Socrates translated by Thomas G. West and Grace Starry West ISBN:
978-0801485749

omachean Ethics Oxford World Classics translated by Sir David Ross
& Lesley Brown ISBN: 978-0199213610

Leviathan by Thomas Hobbes, Hackett edition ISBN: 978-0872201774

Gentlemen Prefer Blondes by Anita Loos, Liveright edition ISBN: 978-0871401700

Recommended: *The Federalist Papers*, Signet Classics edited by Charles Kessler
ISBN: 978-0451528810

Throughout the course (and especially in the second half) I will post readings on Moodle. Students must print them and bring them to class on the day they are assigned. I encourage students to take notes on the printouts.

Wednesday January 15 Intro “What is politics?”

Friday January 17 – by Harvey C.
Mansfield (pp. 1-54)

Monday January 20 – **MLK Day No Class**

Wednesday January 22 – Dedicatory Letter and Chapters 1 to 3 of *The Prince*
translated by Harvey C. Mansfield second edition.

Friday January 24 – Quiz 1 and Chapters 4 to 7 of *The Prince*

Monday January 27 – Chapters 8 to 11 of *The Prince*

Wednesday January 29 – Chapters 12 to 14 of *The Prince*

Friday January 31 – Quiz 2 and Chapters 15 to 19 of *The Prince*

Monday February 3 – Chapters 20 to 23 of *The Prince*

Wednesday February 5 – Chapters 24 to 26 of *The Prince* and Letter to Vettori

Friday February 7 – Quiz 3 selections from *Discourses on Livy* (Moodle)

Monday February 10 – Tocqueville Letter to Kergolay, Constant “Liberty of the Ancients compared with that of the Moderns.” Moodle

Wednesday February 12 –

Wednesday March 11 – Ethics Book 4

Friday March 13 – Quiz 8 Ethics Book 5

Monday March 16 – Ethics Book 6

Wednesday March 18 – Ethics Book 7

Friday March 20 Quiz 9 Ethics Book 8

Monday March 30 – Ethics Book 9

Wednesday April 1 – Ethics Book 10

Friday April 3 – Quiz 10 Thomas Hobbes *Leviathan*
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Monday April 13 Midterm 2

Wednesday April 15 – G.K. Chesterton “What is America?” Moodle

Friday April 17 – Quiz 11 Declaration of Independence, John Jay “Letter on Manumission of Slaves.” Moodle

Monday April 20 – Selections from the Federalists Moodle

Wednesday April 22 – Selections from Calhoun and Lincoln Moodle

Friday April 24 – Quiz 12 “The Study of AdminiFri9ln