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DESCRIPTION: This is a course in early Classics – Classics of the West, of Africa, of the Middle East, of the Far East. We will read nothing written after the 1400's. Works will be interpreted by teachers of the works, as nearly contemporaneous with the works as possible. Class lectures will tell you how and why these selections are "Classics" – how they influence your culture. It will take you several sessions to figure out what is meant by "Classics."

Please stay ahead of me in the Readings. I will start slowly (to show you the method of interpretation), pick up speed at mid-semester and fly at the end of the semester.

READINGS:

"Contents" of Anthology, vol."A" (pp.v-xvi)

"Genesis," chs. 1-10 (Anthology, pp.50-60)

Timaeus, purchase separately (pp.28-60 in pb edition of Penguin)

Homer, Iliad, Bks. 1 (lines 1-302) and 22 (lines 5-486) in Anthology, pp.233-240, 259-269

Homer, Odyssey, Bks 9,10,11 (Anthology, pp.389-432)

Virgil, Aeneid, Bks 1 (lines 1-49) and 6 (lines 171-1025) in Anthology, pp. 1228-1250

Ovid, Amores (Xerox packet)

Krishna Dvaipayana Vyasa, The Mahabharata, "Introduction," Bk.2, in Anthology, pp.829-850, and xerox

AshvaGhosa, Life of the Buddha, "The Four Signs," Anthology, pp.1048-1056

Anonymous, "Love Poems from Sanskrit," Xerox and Anthology, pp.954-960

Various Authors, "Love Poems from Tamil," Xerox and Anthology, pp.947-953

Confucius, "Analects" (Anthology, pp.1091-1104)

Book of Songs (Anthology, pp.1069-1073, 1089)

Li Po, "Drinking Alone in the Moonlight" (xerox)

Song of Cheoyong (xerox)

Sei Shonagon, Pillow Book (xerox)

"Seafarer" (xerox)

Qur'an, Surah 2, "The Cow" (xerox)

Sundiata, purchase separately

Petrarch, Sonnet (xerox)

TEXTS: Longman Anthology of World Literature, ONLY Volume A

Timaeus and Critias, ed. Desmond Lee

Sundiata, ed. D.T. Niane

Xerox packet (at IT Copy and Printing, on MLK west of McDonald's & before Fire Station)

GRADES: A combination (not average) of two areas, both of which contribute to your final grade: attendance/quizzes and final exam. To receive an "A," you must have an "A" in both areas; same for a "B." If you get a C in either area, you get a C for the class. Fail any area and you fail the class. Miss more than 2 classes and your attendance grade is reduced by one full grade.