

**Course of Study 2022-2023 Fall and Winter Semester:**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:**

**Fall Semester 2022: A Journey Through Time: The History of Ancient Civilizations:**

**I. Outline of Course Topics and Due Dates for each Week:**

**A. Course Schedule and Topics:**

1. **Week 1: September 5-September 9:** Introduction to Ancient Civilizations, the Sciences of Anthropology and Archaeology, and Ancient Source Materials.
2. **Week 2: September 12-16:** The Dawn of Civilization: Ancient Mesopotamia and the Fertile Crescent.
3. **Week 3: September 19-23:** Ancient Israel 1: Creation and the Patriarchal Epoch-The First Temple Period: Film: *The Ten Commandments*.
4. **Week 4: September 26-October 7:** Ancient Israel 2: The Babylonian Exile-The Jewish Diaspora and Ritual: September 26-27 and October 5<sup>th</sup>, No class: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
5. **Week 5: October 11-14** Ancient Egypt 1: Life Along the Nile-The Middle Kingdom: October 10<sup>th</sup> No Class: Sukkot.
6. **Week 6: October 17-21:** Ancient Egypt 2: The New Kingdom-The Ptolemaic Dynasty and Cleopatra.
7. **Week 7: October 24-28:** Ancient China 1: The Physical Geography of Ancient China-The Qin Dynasty: Term Paper and Assignment Topics Handed Out Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>.
8. **Week 8: October 31-November 4:** Ancient China 2: The Han Dynasty-The Ming Dynasty: Term Paper Topics and Proposals Due Friday November 4th: Film: *The Great Wall*.
9. **Week 9: November 7-11:** Ancient Japan 1: The Physical Geography of Ancient Japan-The Asuka Period:
10. **Week 10: November 14-18:** Ancient Japan 2: The Nara Period-The Tokugawa Shogunate and the Meiji Restoration: Film *The Last Samurai*. Take Home Exam 1: Due Sunday: November 20th.
11. **November 21-25:** Thanksgiving Break and Time to Work on Term Papers and Presentations: (Please discuss together on class message boards throughout the week).
12. **Week 11: November 28- December 2:** Ancient Persia, India, and Islam 1: The Empires of Ancient Persia and India: Film *The Jungle Book*.
13. **Week 12: December 5-9:** Ancient Assyria, Babylonia, Persia Ancient Persia, India, and Islam 2: Ancient Islam and Arabia:
14. **Week 13: December 12-16:** Ancient Greece 1: The Physical Geography, of Ancient Greece-Greek Mythology and the Trojan War. Film: *The Odyssey*.
15. **Week 14: December 19-23:** Ancient Greece 2: Classical Athens-The Persian Wars.

- 16. December 24-January 1:** Winter Break and Time to Work on Term Papers.
- 17. Week 15: January 2-6:** Ancient Greece 3: The Peloponnesian Wars-The Hellenistic Age of Alexander the Great: Term Paper Introduction and Bibliography Due.
- 18. Week 16: January 9-13:** Ancient Rome 1: The Physical Geography of Ancient Rome-the Roman Republic: Film: *Gladiator*.
- 19. Week 17: January 16-20:** Ancient Rome 2: The Age of Julius Caesar to the Pax Romana.
- 20. Week 18: January 23-27:** Ancient Rome 3: The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire: Term Paper Due Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 21. Take Home Exam 2:** Due Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup>.

