## Modern and Contemporary Reading Lists for Comps

### Modern

- **Descartes**
  - *Meditations*
  - *Discourse on Method*
- **Spinoza**
  - *Ethics (Book 1)*
- **Leibniz**
  - *Discourse on Metaphysics*
  - *Monadology*
- **Hobbes**
  - *Leviathan*
    - Part 1, Chapters 1-6, 8, 12-15
    - Part 2, Chapters 17-21, 31
- **Locke**
  - *Second Treatise of Government* (Chapters 2, 3, 5, 7-10, and 19: paragraphs 211-226 and 240-242)
  - *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (recommend: Nidditch edition, OUP; Fraser still ok)
    - Epistle to the Reader
    - Book I
    - Book II, Chapters 1-14, 21-27
- **Berkeley**
  - *Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Philonous*
- **Hume**
  - *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*
  - *An Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals*
- **Reid**
    - Dedication
    - Books I-VII, except for Book VI, Sections 10-19
    - The Hume-Reid exchange (in the Brookes ed.)
- **Rousseau**
  - *The Social Contract*
    - Book One
    - Book Two: Chapters 1-7 and 11.
    - Book Three: Chapters 1-6, 9-10, and 12-18.
    - Book Four: Chapters 1-2, and 5-9
- **Kant**
  - *Critique of Pure Reason* (recommended: Guyer and Wood edition, CUP; Kemp Smith ok; page numbers for Guyer and Wood)
    - Dedication, Preface, and Introduction to first and second editions (95-152)
    - I. Transcendental Doctrine of the Elements
    - First Part: Transcendental Aesthetic (172-192)
    - Second Part: Transcendental Logic
      - Division I: Transcendental Analytic (193-371)
      - Division II: Transcendental Dialectic
        - Introduction (384)
      - Book II: The Dialectical Inferences of Pure Reason
        - Chapter I: Paralogisms of Pure Reason (409-445)
        - Chapter II: The Antinomy of Pure Reason
        - Section II: The Antithetic of Pure Reason (467-495)
Section IV: Transcendental Idealism as the key to solving the cosmological dialectic (511-514)

Chapter III: The Ideal of Pure Reason (551-589)

*Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*

**Contemporary**

Hegel:
*Phenomenology of Spirit* (page numbers from Findlay edition)
Preface (1-45)
Introduction (47-57)
A. Consciousness (58-103)
B. Self-consciousness (104-138)
C. (CC.) Religion (410-478)
D. (DD.) Absolute Knowing (479-494)

Kierkegaard:
*Philosophical Fragments*
*Fear and Trembling* (Cambridge U. Press edition recommended)

Marx:
*Theses on Feuerbach*
*The German Ideology* (Part I through section C on “Communism”)

Mill:
*On Liberty*
*Utilitarianism*

Nietzsche:
*On the Genealogy of Morals*

James:
“What Pragmatism Means” and “Pragmatism’s Conception of Truth” (from *Pragmatism*)

Dewey:
*The Quest for Certainty* (Chapters 1-6, pp. 1-169 in Capricorn paperback)

Russell:

Wittgenstein:
*Tractatus Logico Philosophicus* (new edition)
*Philosophical Investigations* (3rd edition)
Ayer:  
*Language, Truth and Logic* (2nd edition)

Husserl:  
*Cartesian Meditations*

Heidegger:  
“Introduction” to *Being & Time*, 41-87.