

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 *An Inquiry into the Human Mind on the Principles of Common Sense*
 (recommend: Brookes edition, Penn State UP)
 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:

“Logical Atomism” in A.J. Ayer (ed) *Logical Positivism* (New York: Free Press, 1959),
31-50.

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.