105 World Civilizations I

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## WORLD CIVILIZATIONS I

**Hist 105**  
Fall, 2014  
Mr. Uhrig  
Thursday, 4:00, Logan 100

### TEXTS:
- Karen Armstrong, *Islam: A Short History*, *The Epic of the Gilgamesh*
- Tsao Hsueh-Chin, *Dream of the Red Chamber* (Anchor Books abridged ed. ONLY)

| Aug. 28 | Prehistoric Civilizations | Ralph: 3-23 |
| Sept. 4 | Ancient Mesopotamia | Ralph: 27-50, 75-88, |
| 11 Egyptian Civilization | Ralph: 51-69, Discussion: *The Epic of the Gilgamesh* |
| 18 Vedic and Axial India | Ralph: 99-123 |

**Oct. 2**  
Test: One Third of Grade

**Oct. 9**  
Fall Break: No Class

**Oct. 16**  
Origins of Islam | Ralph: 377-392 | Armstrong: 3-40 |

**Oct. 23**  
Islamic Expansion | Ralph: 454-461 | Armstrong: 41-114 |

**Nov. 30**  
Africa Below the Sahara | Ralph: 69-73, 343-349, 598-613, Discussion: *Sundiata* (Niane ed.)

**Nov. 6**  
Test: One Third of Grade

**Nov. 13**  
Confucian China | Ralph: 125-146 |

**Nov. 20**  
Classic Chinese Empires | Ralph: 306-333 |

**Nov. 27**  
Thanksgiving Break: No Class

**Dec. 4**  
China: Golden Age, Chaos, Maturity | Ralph: 552-574 |

**Dec. 11**  
Ancient and Medieval Japan | Ralph: 333-343, 574-582 Discussion: *Dream of the Red Chamber* (Anchor Books abridged ed.)

**Dec. 18**  
Final Exam: One Third of Grade

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*All assignments for each class should be read by the day they are due!! This facilitates discussions!*