READING ASSIGNMENTS

Abbreviations of Reading-List Citations


Lectures and Reading Assignments

Note: The course readings listed below consist of Grimal’s *History* and Lichtheim’s 3-volume anthology (*AEL*), as well as assorted readings and texts located in the College Library Reference Room (marked **Rf**), the Periodical Room (marked **Per**), and Two-hour Reserve (marked **Rs**). Other readings are freely available for downloading from the course’s Web Pages (marked **W**) under the heading, “Reading Assignments,” URL: [http://www.cofc.edu/~piccione/history270/lock/hist270assign.html](http://www.cofc.edu/~piccione/history270/lock/hist270assign.html). The complete bibliographical citations of all the readings in the listing are found in the course Bibliography located on the course’s Web pages.

Many of the Web-based readings are in HTML-format. Others are in PDF-format. To download and open the PDF-files, students need the program *Adobe Acrobat Reader®* resident on their computers and installed as a plug-in to their Web browser. This program is freely available for downloading and installing from the College of Charleston’s Web page, “Software Depot,” URL: [http://www.cofc.edu/technology/depot.html](http://www.cofc.edu/technology/depot.html).

Class will adhere to the following course schedule. Students are responsible for the full course material through the readings below. The instructor reserves the right to alter the schedule of lectures, discussions, video presentations, and reading assignments, quizzes and exams at any time. Students should pay attention to keep up with this schedule of weekly reading assignments, regardless of any deviation in the lectures.

**Week 1: January 10**

Introduction: Course Description

**Week 2: January 15 and 17**

The Land, Environment and the Agricultural Cycle

“The Hymn to Hapy,” (*AEL* 1, 204-09)

**W**  Hoffman, M. “The Two Lands: An Ecological Perspective,” 23-32

**W**  Piccione, P. “Basin Irrigation in Ancient Egypt”
Ethnicities and Ethnologies of the Egyptians and Nubians

Rs


Per


Week 3: January 22 and 24

Predynastic and Archaic Periods

Grimal, History, 24-59

Egyptian Cosmology and Calendars

“Memphite Theology,” (AEL 1, 51-56)

Rf

Wilson, J. “The Repulsing of the Dragon and the Creation” (excerpt) in ANET, 6 (only!)

Rf

Wilson, J. “All Men Created Equal in Opportunity” in ANET, 7-8

W/Rs

Parker, R. “The Calendars and Chronology,” in The Legacy of Egypt, 13-26

Week 4: January 29 and 31

Old Kingdom: Dynasties 3 - 5

Grimal, History, 63-78

“Three Tales of Wonder,” (AEL 1, 215-22)

“The Famine Stela,” (AEL 3, 94-100)

(1/29) Map Quiz #1: Egypt

Pyramid Building, Society and Kingship

“Instruction of Ptahhotep,” (AEL 1, 61-80)

Optional: “Instructions to Kagemni,” (AEL 1, 59-61)

(1/31) Video: “Who Built the Pyramids?” (16 mins.), OMT #2803

Week 5: February 5 and 7

Old Kingdom: Dynasties 6 - 9

Grimal, History, 78-93

“Inscription of Nefer-seshem-re, Called Sheshi,” (AEL 1, 17)

“Charter of King Pepi I,” (AEL 1, 28)

“Autobiography of Weni,” (AEL 1, 18-23)

First Intermediate Period: Dynasties 9 - 11

Grimal, History, 137-58.

“Autobiography of Ankhtifi,” (AEL 1, 85-86)

“Inscription of Merer,” (AEL 1, 87)

“Instruction to Merikare,” (AEL 1, 97-107)

“Admonitions of Ipuwer,” (AEL 1, 149-61)

Week 6: February 12 and 14

Middle Kingdom: Dynasties 12 - 13

Grimal, History, 158-181

“Prophecies of Neferti,” (AEL 1, 139-44)

“Instruction of King Amenemhat,” (AEL 1, 135-38)

“Tale of Sinuhe,” (AEL 1, 222-33)

“Inscription of Seneni,” (AEL 1, 128)

Optional: “Inscription of Seneni,” (AEL 1, 89-90)

Optional: “Inscription of Iti,” (AEL 1, 88-89)

Optional: “Complaints of Khakheperre-sonb,” (AEL 1, 145-48)

Week 7: February 19 and 21

Egyptological Methodology

(2/19) Video: “Memphis, Capital of Egypt”
Course Description, p. 3

(2/20) Last day to withdraw with grade of "W"

(2/21) Midterm examination

Week 8: February 26 and 28

Second Intermediate Period: Dynasties 14 - 17

- Grimal, History, 182-92
- Wente, E. F. “The Quarrel of Apophis and Seknenre,” 77-80
  “Autobiography of Ahmose Son of Abana,” (AEL 2, 12-15)

Role and Status of Women in Egyptian Society

- “Stela of Qedes from Gebelein,” (AEL 1, 90)
- “Stela of Taimhotep,” (AEL 3, 59-64)
- “The Will of Wah for His Wife”
- “Divine Conception of Queen Hatshepsut,” 119-121
- Bryan, B. “The Evidence for Female Literacy from Theban Tombs of the New Kingdom,” 17-32

+ SPRING BREAK: MARCH 3–10 +

Week 9: March 12 and 14

- (3/12) Video Report: “This Old Pyramid” (55 mins.)

- (3/14) Video Report: TBA

Week 10: March 19 and 21

Discussion of Videos

- Language and Writing

  - W Piccione, P. "Introduction to Ancient Egyptian Language and Writing"
  - Rs Ņerný, J. “Language and Writing,” in The Legacy of Egypt, 197-219

Week 11: March 26 and 28

Egyptian Religion and Funerary Beliefs

- “Pyramid Texts: Utterances 273-274; 304,” (AEL 1, 36-39)
- “(Harper's) Song from the Tomb of King Intef;” (AEL 1, 194-97)
- “Harper's Song from the Tomb of Neferhotep;” (AEL 2, 115-16)
- “Book of the Dead (excerpts only)”: Chapters 23, 30B, 125, (AEL 2, 120, 121, 124-26, 128-29)

- W Wente, E. F. “Funerary Beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians: An Interpretation of the Burials and the Texts,” 17-26

Week 12: April 2 and 4

Egypt: New Kingdom: Early Dynasty 18

- Grimal, History, 192-225
- “Obelisk Inscription of Hatshepsut,” (AEL 2, 25-29)
- “Installation of the Vizier Rekhmire,” (AEL 2, 21-24)
- “Annals of Thutmose III;,” (AEL 2, 29-35)
- “Sphinx Stela of Amenhotep II,” (AEL 2, 39-42)
- “Stela of Amenhotep III;” (AEL 2, 43-48)
Akhenaten, the Amarna Period, and Aftermath
Grimal, *History*, 226-44

W Johnson, W. R. “The Revolutionary Role of the Sun in the Reliefs and Statuary of Amenhotep III,” 2-4
“Boundary Stelae of Akhenaten” (*AEL* 2, 48-51, 89-90, 96-100)
“Hymns to the Aten,” (*AEL* 2, 89-100)


W/RF “Suppiluliumas and the Egyptian Queen” (*ANET* 319)

Week 13: April 9 and 11

New Kingdom: Dynasties 19 - 20
“Battle of Kadesh,” (*AEL* 2, 57-72)

W/RF “Hattusilis on Muwatallis’ War against Egypt,” (*ANET* 319)

RF “Treaty Between the Hittites and Egypt,” (*ANET* 199-201)
“Poetical Stela of Merneptah (Israel Stela),” (*AEL* 2, 73-78)

Iron Age Migrations and the Invasion of the Sea People

RF Dothan, T. “The ‘Sea Peoples’ and the Philistines of Ancient Palestine,” in *CANE* 2, 1267-81


W/RF “The War Against the Peoples of the Sea,” (*ANET* 262-63)

W/RF “Summary of the Northern Wars,” (*ANET* 262)

W Edgerton and Wilson, *Historical Records of Ramesses III*, 38-43

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Week 14: April 16 and 18

Late Period: Dynasties 21 - 22 (Third Intermediate Period)
Grimal, *History*, 311-33
“Report of Wenamun,” (*AEL* 2, 224-30)

Week 14 (cont’d.):

Late Period: Dynasties 25 - 26 (Kushite Era to the Assyrian Conquest)
Grimal, *History*, 334-66
“Victory Stela of King Piye,” (*AEL* 3, 66-84)
“Victory Stela of King Psamtik II,” (*AEL* 3, 84-86)

(4/18) Map Quiz #2: Nubia

Week 15: April 23

Late Period: Dynasties 27 - 31 (Persian Dominations I & II)
Grimal, *History*, 367-88
“Autobiography of Udjahorresne,” (*AEL* 3, 36-41)
“Naukratis Stela of King Nectanebo I,” (*AEL* 3, 86-89)

Final Examination:
Thursday, May 2, 12:00 Noon - 03:00 pm