The Ten:

- 1. Plato, The Republic (WW Norton 1996) ISBN 978-0-393-31467-0
- 2. Dante, The Inferno, trans. John Ciardi 0451527984
- 3. Shakespeare, Hamlet, Signet ISBN 0-451-52128-5
- 4. Voltaire, Candide, 2nd Ed, trans. Adams (Norton Critical Edition), ISBN:978-0-393-96058-7
- 5. Austen, Pride and Prejudice (Norton Critical Edition) ed. Gray 0-393-97604-1
- 6. Douglass, Narrative of a Negro Slave
- 7. Darwin, The Descent of Man (Norton Critical Edition) ed. Appleman 0-393-95849-3
- 8. Freud, Civilization and Its Discontents (WW Norton Edition) ISBN: 978-0-393-30451-0
- 9. Levi, Survival in Auschwitz (Touchstone, 1995) ISBN: 978-0684826806
- 10. Huxley, Brave New World ISBN-13: 978-0060929879
- 11. Hedges, Empire of Illusion (NY: Nation Books, 2009), ISBN 978-1-56858-613-7

The major assignments:

Quizzes:	Weekly (10%)
Paragraph responses:	Weekly (5%)
Mid-term:	20%
Essay:	5-8 pages (20%)
Final Exam	45%

- <u>Electronic Devices</u>: Please do not open or use a laptop computer during class. All texts must be hard-copies (trade paperbacks or texts that have been downloaded and printed). Please do not bring your Kindle or iBook to class.
- <u>Assignments</u>. The final paper and the weekly paragraph response to the reading must be keyboarded and given to me in electronic and hard copy. Send your essays as attachments, preferably in Microsoft Word, to <u>barbarese@camden.rutgers.edu</u>. Name your essay according to the following format:

[YourLastName].doc

- <u>Quizzes</u>. Weekly. There are no make-up quizzes.
- <u>Exams</u>. Both mid-term and final will include both objective questions and at least one written essay. The final essay may be designed as an in-class writing assignment and assessed as part of the total final examination grade, so stay tuned.
- <u>Lateness</u>. Unexcused late work may be returned unread and may be subject to a penalized for each day of lateness.
- <u>Attendance</u> is expected at all sessions. *Three or more absences* will undoubtedly affect your grade in the course. Come prepared to participate.
- <u>Academic Honesty</u>. The university guidelines and procedures governing plagiarism and academic dishonesty will be strictly observed. Plagiarism is theft and will result in an F for the course. You can find the policy published on the university's website at <u>http://www.camden.rutgers.edu/RUCAM/Academic-Integrity-Policy.php</u>.

Listerv and Website. Occasionally I may communicate with the entire class by email, often attaching work to be read for class, exercises, assignments, or announcements. The RUC's listserv address for our course is as follows:

tenbooks@camden.rutgers.edu

Do not send anything to this address unless instructed by me.

- <u>Formatting</u>. Your written work must be keyboarded and formatted according to the model that follows on pages 4-5 of this syllabus. Do not add a cover page of any kind, substitute boldfacing for italics or underlining, or justify the right margin. Under no circumstances present work that does not have your name on it.
- We also have a course website, which you can access through my webpage at http://crab.rutgers.edu/~barbares/. Once there, follow the link on the left navigation pane to Recent American Writing

Though the syllabus reflects as accurately as possible the course expectations and projected assignments, those expectations and assignments may be amended, extended or modified; so keep your syllabus handy

Week 1: 18 January

• Introductions

Week 2: 23- 25 January: The Ancient World

• Plato, *Republic* Books i-v

Week 3: 30 January-1 February

- Plato, *Republic* Books vi-x
- Introduction to Dante

Week 4: 6-8 February: <u>Medievalism</u> • Dante, *Inferno*

Week 5: 13-15 February:

- Dante, Inferno
- Entering the Renaissance

Week 6: 20-22 February: <u>The Renaissance</u> • Shakespeare, *Hamlet*

Week 7: 27-29 February <u>Romanticism</u>

- Voltaire, *Candide*
- An aside: Rousseau and Marx

Week 8: 5-7 March:

- Austen, Pride and Prejudice
- Mid-term Examination (7 March)

*** 10-18 March Spring Break ***

Week 9: 19-21 March:	<u>The Pre-Modern</u> Douglass, Narrative of a Negro Slave Darwin, The Descent of Man
Week 10: 26-28 March •	Darwin's Century Darwin, <i>The Descent of Man</i> Darwin's impact: Spenser and Social Darwinism
Week 11: 2-4 April	Modernism Freud, Civilization and Its Discontents
Week 12: 9-11 April:	After the Holocaust Huxley, Brave New World
Week 13: 16-18 April:	Summaries Levi, Survival in Auschwitz Hedges, Empire of Illusion

Week 14: 23-25 April:

- Open discussions
- Conclusions



not intuitive is that they do not see what is before them, and that accustomed to the exact and plain principles of mathematics, and n reasoning till they have well inspected and arranged their princip they are lost in matters of intuition where the principles do not allow of such arrangement. They are scarcely seen; they are felt rather than seen; there is the greatest difficulty in making them by those who do not of themselves perceive them. These principles are so fine and so numerous that a very delicate and very clear sense is needed to perceive them, and to judge rightly and justly hey are perceived, without for the most part being able to nstrate them in order as in mathematics, because the principle known to us in the same way, and because it would be an tter to undertake it. We must see the matter at once, at ot by a process of reasoning, at least to a certain degree. And thus it is rare that mathematicians are intuitive and men of intuition are mathematicians, because mathematicians wish t treat matters of intuition mathematically and make themselves ridiculous, wishing to b win with definitions and then with axioms which is not the way to pro ed in this kind of reasoning. Not tha the mind does not do so, but it does it tacitly, naturally, and

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MARK	EXAMPLE	MEANING
#	# # infact, ofcourse alot, eventhough	Divide the words or syllables where the mark appears.
Ø	thier, seperate	The word is misspelled.
\int	I believe in Love.	Lower the case.
6	Although the is tall	Pull the punctuation mark.
	He returned back-home.	Delete the word.
<u>1</u> <u>1</u>	double^talk, well^groomed	Insert a hyphen.
m ^{or} n	and, ^ if you can believe it^, he	Insert dashes (each is two
		hyphens wide).
\bigwedge_{T_n}	to foldly go where no man It is a universally acknowledged truth	Transpose elements.
_	<u>i</u> hate quiche.	Upper-case the underlined letter.
¶	Tom's most well, now, and got his bullet around his neck	Make a new paragraph here.
<i>,</i> ,	During the whole of a dull <i>\dark \</i> and soundless day	Insert punctuation.
N.S., loçic		Non Sequitur: logic is off
W.W., W.C.		Wrong word, word choice,
N.S.W., diction	No such word, diction	
ae	The film was good, however, the Grimms'	
دی	version was far better.	Comma splice
Fraç	Although, it was a good movie and I enjoyed it.	Fragment