

THE HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY:

Nineteenth & Twentieth Centuries

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ASSIGNMENTS

1. Read Sahakian, HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY, chapters 10.2-19, 21-22
2. Read Colin Brown, PHILOSOPHY AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, chapters 3-4
3. Read Schaeffer, HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE?, chapters 9-13 (+ Special Note)
4. Read Paul Johnson, INTELLECTUALS, chapters 1-3, 8-9, 11 or 12, & 13
5. Produce a time line for the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.
6. Choose a philosopher who died prior to 1930 and was treated in the instructor's lectures; write an 8-page report (typed, double-spaced) on his philosophical views, aiming to tell the instructor more about them than he told you.
7. Choose a philosopher not yet dead in 1930 and who was treated in the instructor's lectures; write an 8-page report (typed, double-spaced) on his philosophical views, aiming to tell the instructor more about them than he told you.
8. Write an 8-page evaluation (typed, double-spaced) of the lifestyle and influence of the intellectuals (notably philosophers) of the last two centuries, along with the results of humanistic thinking seen in contemporary culture.
9. Complete the final exam.

LECTURE OUTLINE (AND READING MAP)

- XXV. Review: Rousseau & Kant (Johnson 1)
- XXVI. Hegel's Absolute Idealism (Sahakian 10.4-5; Brown 3.2)
- XXVII. Schopenhauer's Voluntarism and Mysticism (Sahakian 10.6)
- XXVIII. Romanticism & Subjectivism (Johnson 2; Sahakian 10>3; 22.1; Brown 3.1,3,5)
- XXIX. Nietzsche's Nihilism (Sahakian 12.4; Brown 3.4)
- XXX. British Utilitarianism (Sahakian 11; Brown 3.4)
- XXXI. Materialism, Positivism, & Evolutionary Naturalism (Sahakian 12.1-3,5,7; 13; Brown 3.4)
- XXXII. Marxism (Johnson 3; Sahakian 14; Brown 3.4)
- XXXIII. Retrospect and Prospect at Century's End
- XXXIV. Process Philosophy: Bergson, Whitehead (Sahakian 12.6; 17.3.c)
- XXXV. Idealism (Sahakian 16.1,3)
- XXXVI. Personalism (Sahakian 16.2)
- XXXVII. Realism (Sahakian 17.1-3.b)
- XXXVIII. Phenomenology (Sahakian 21)
- XXXIX. Existentialism (Johnson 9; Sahakian 22.2-3)
- XL. Pragmatism (Sahakian 15; Brown 3.4)
- XLI. Developments in Logic & Language: Frege, Russell, Wittgenstein, Logical Positivism (Johnson 8; Sahakian 17.2-3; 18; Brown 4.1,4)
- XLII. Ordinary Language Analysis: Wittgenstein, Austin, Searl (Sahakian 19)
- XLIII. The Crisis of our Culture (Johnson 11 or 12; 13; Brown 4.2-3; Schaeffer 9-13)
- XLIV. Current Trends
- XLV. Concluding Assessment