Familiarize yourself with all the items in each of the Canon and Contemporary and Democratic Theory categories. Read the entire text unless selections are specified.

**Canon**

Aristotle. *Politics* (Books I i-viii; xii-xiii; II i-v; III [entire]; IV [entire]; V i-ix; VI i-vii).

*The Federalist*, numbers 1, 9, 10, 15, 39, 45, 47-8, 51, 56-7, 62-3, 68, 70, 78, 84.

Hobbes. *Leviathan* (Parts One and Two; Review and Conclusion).


Machiavelli. *Discourses on Livy* (Book I, Introduction, Chs. 1, 2, 4, 9, 16, 58; Book II, Introduction, Chs. 1, 2, 29; Book III, Ch. 1, 9, 43, 49), *The Prince*.


Mill. *Considerations on Representative Government* (Chs. 1-3, 5, 7-12, 16-17), *On Liberty*.

Nietzsche. *On the Genealogy of Morals*.

Plato. *Apology, Crito, Republic* (Stephanus number 327a to 376c; 412b to 434b; 441c to 444e; 471c to 521c).


**Contemporary and Democratic Theory**


Habermas, Jürgen. *Moral Consciousness and Communicative Action* (“Discourse Ethics”).

Pateman, Carole. *Participation and Democratic Theory*.

Rawls, John. *A Theory of Justice* (Ch. I, sections 1-4; Ch. II, sections 11-17; Ch. III [entire]; Ch. IV, sections 33-35, 39-40; Ch. VII, sections 66-67; Ch. VIII, section 77; Ch. IX, sections 78-79, 82, 85-86), *Political Liberalism* (Lectures I, IV, VI, IX).


Weber, Max. “Politics as a Vocation.”

**Commentary**

Each of the works listed below can guide you to important, recent interpretations of the history of political thought; some offer such interpretations themselves. While none of these specific works is required, use them for general reference as well as to familiarize yourself with different
interpretations of those theorists of greatest interest to you. Please keep in mind that these sources offer particular interpretations by a variety of authors and do not necessarily reflect any sort of interpretive consensus within the field.

*A Companion to Contemporary Political Philosophy* (Blackwell).
*The Oxford Classical Dictionary.*
*The Oxford Handbook of Political Theory.*
Strauss, Leo and Joseph Cropsey. *The History of Political Philosophy.*

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