

This text is the only required resource for this course. For those who would like to pursue a topic further, there is recommended reading given for each chapter. The study is set up to cover 18 weeks, which will serve for 1/2 credit on a transcript (social studies is a possible candidate). The 9th and 18th week are midterm and final exams. In order to encourage effort in the daily homework, I suggest that the overall grade be broken down into 50% from homework and 25% for each exam.

Each chapter is designed around five work days. (Needless to say, tailor this course to meet your needs. You can take 10 days per chapter, thus finishing the course over the entire school year.) Day one always begins with the instruction to read the entire chapter through quickly, followed by reading the first assigned section through carefully. There are approximately ten study and review questions for each day. The reading assignments are fairly short, trying to get to and keep the point, so the student has time to think and write reasonable answers to the questions (if they finish too soon, this is probably a good clue they didn't think nor labor over giving cogent answers; plus, the reading may be short, but certain areas may require reading a sentence or paragraph two or three times to gain understanding).

Following the introductory chapters, there are two chapters covering the history of philosophy. This gives a broad overview of the development, or digression, of philosophy. After that, the main areas of philosophy are addressed, with a stress on a practical understanding. The appendices contain the homework answer key, the tests, and test answer keys. They are under separate cover so the teacher may place them in a binder.

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