

***Sophie's World* Reading Schedule**

*"Philosophy is a battle against the bewitchment of our intelligence by means of language."
—Ludwig Wittgenstein*

Please read the chapters listed below by the discussion date listed beside them. (If you read ahead, please review the chapters before the discussion date.) In addition to reading the chapter, please keep a reading journal in which you:

- List the historical philosophers mentioned and a brief statement of the theory or "project" each pursued.
- Answer (giving your own opinion) each of the questions the mysterious philosopher poses to Sophie. (These questions usually appear in italics. For instance, in the first two chapters, the philosopher asks Sophie, "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?") **It is important that you do this before you read Sophie's answers to the questions. The purpose of this unit is to help you understand, articulate, and confirm your own beliefs. You are in no way being asked to believe what Sophie believes.**
- When no questions are asked, respond to the philosopher's ideas/beliefs. Do you agree? Are these ideas timeless or do they seem rooted in the philosopher's era?

Discussion #1 Thursday, October 29	"The Garden of Eden" and "The Top Hat"
Discussion #2 Wednesday, November 4	"The Myths" and "The Natural Philosophers"
Discussion #3 Monday, November 9	"Democritus"
Discussion #4 Friday, November 13	"Fate"
Discussion #5 Monday, November 16	"Socrates"
Discussion #6 Friday, November 20	"Athens" and "Plato"
Discussion #7 Wednesday, November 25	"The Major's Cabin" and "Aristotle"
Discussion #8 Monday, November 30	"Hellenism" and "The Postcards"
Discussion #9 Friday, December 4	"Two Cultures"
Discussion #10 Monday, December 7	"The Middle Ages"
Discussion #11 Friday, December 11	"The Renaissance"
Discussion #12	"The Baroque"

Monday, December 14

Discussion #13

Friday, December 18

“Descartes”

Discussion #14

Monday, January 4

“Spinoza”

Discussion #15

Friday, January 8

“Locke”

Discussion #16

Tuesday, January 12

“Hume”

Discussion #17

Friday, January 15

“Berkeley” and “Bjerkely”

Discussion #18

Tuesday, January 19

“The Enlightenment”

Discussion #19

Monday, January 25

“Kant”

Discussion #20

Friday, January 29

“Romanticism”

Discussion #21

Tuesday, February 2

“Hegel”

Discussion #22

Monday, February 8

“Kierkegaard”

Discussion #23

Thursday, February 11

“Marx”

Discussion #24

Friday, February 19

“Darwin”

Discussion #25

Tuesday, February 23

“Freud”

Discussion #26

Friday, February 26

“Our Own Time”

Discussion #27

Friday, March 5

“The Garden Party,” “Counterpoint,” and “The Big Bang”