

Philosophy 101 - Internet Syllabus of Activities

Readings from Course Texts	Supplementary Readings	Activities
Session 1 <i>Amusing Ourselves to Death</i> "Foreword" Chapter 1: "The Medium is the Metaphor"		Required Submission Forum Supplementary Forums
Session 2	Jack Goody and Ian Watt: "The Consequences of Literacy" Neil Postman: "The Incunabula of Childhood"	Required Submission Forum Supplementary Forums
Session 3	Walter J. Ong: "Some Psychodynamics of Orality" Eric Havelock: "The Special Theory of Greek Literacy"	Required Submission Forum Supplementary Forums
Session 4 <i>Amusing Ourselves to Death</i> Chapter 2: "Media As Epistemology" Chapter 3: "Typographic America" Chapter 4: "The Typographic Mind"		Required Submission Forum Supplementary Forums

Session 5	<i>Amusing Ourselves to Death</i> Chapter 5: “The Peek-A-Boo World” <i>Amusing Ourselves to Death</i>	1st Long Writing Assignment Supplementary Forums
Session 6	Chapter 6: “The Age of Show Business” Chapter 7: “Now...This” Chapter 8: “Shuffle off to Bethlehem”	Required Submission Forum Supplementary Forums
Session 7	<i>Amusing Ourselves to Death</i> Chapter 9: "Reach Out and Elect Someone" <i>Amusing Ourselves to Death</i>	Required Submission Forum Supplementary Forums
Session 8	Chapter 10: “Teaching as an Amusing Activity” Chapter 11: “The Huxleyan Warning”	Required Submission Forum Supplementary Forums
Session 9	<i>The Uses of Pessimism</i> Chapter One: “The First Person Future” Chapter Two: “The Best Case Fallacy” <i>The Uses of Pessimism</i>	Required Submission Forum Supplementary Forums
Session 10	Chapter Three: “The Born Free Fallacy” Chapter Four: “The Utopian Fallacy”	Required Submission Forum Supplementary Forums

Session 11	<i>The Uses of Pessimism</i> Chapter Five: “The Zero Sum Fallacy” Chapter Six: “The Planning Fallacy”	Required Submission Forum Supplementary Forums
Session 12	<i>The Uses of Pessimism</i> Chapter Seven: “The Moving Spirit Fallacy” Chapter Eight: “The Aggregation Fallacy”	2nd Long Writing Assignment Supplementary Forums
Session 13	<i>The Uses of Pessimism</i> Chapter Nine: “Defenses against the Truth” Chapter Ten: “Our Tribal Past”	Required Submission Forum Supplementary Forums
Session 14	<i>The Uses of Pessimism</i> Chapter Eleven: “Our Civil Present” Chapter Twelve: “Our Human Future”	Required Submission Forum Supplementary Forums