



Veritas Academy

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Omnibus I Theology -- Syllabus

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Course Description: Omnibus is a Latin term meaning “all-encompassing,” referring, in our case, to a philosophical approach to teaching the History and Literature of the Western World. In short, while studying the development of Western Civilization from the dawn of time to the present, Omnibus seeks to interpret this development through a ‘theological lens,’ allowing for the authors of the given periods to speak directly to us (primary sources) and thus exposing students to more than facts and data, but also the cultural nuances of that period. Omnibus I covers Biblical and Classical Civilizations, from Creation to the Fall of Rome.

In the Theology section of Omnibus I we will be reading and discussing the history and development of mankind and subsequent civilizations, while reckoning with the truth that God is the author of that history and has a definitive purpose for His world. We will explore ideas and ideals that have dominated different time periods of Western development in the light of the incarnate Christ and the Gospel message.

The ‘lion’s share’ of work for the Theology section of Omnibus I will be the reading assignments. Reading must be done at home, though occasionally students will be allowed to read during class. It is imperative that ample (though not unhealthy) amounts of time are set aside for reading. Due to the fact that many parents will not have read several of these selections, it is strongly recommended that they do so alongside their child. This dynamic will go a long way in increasing the student’s understanding of the material as well as grounding the parent’s awareness of what their child is reading and why.

The current syllabus gives a sufficient guide to reading assignments for the year though there may be changes to those assignments as the teacher sees fit once school has begun.

Textbook: *Omnibus I* student text

Student Materials:

1. ALWAYS BRING YOUR PRIMARY READING SOURCE (your book) TO CLASS. This is imperative as the bulk of our class time will be reading and discussing the material from the books we are working through at the time.
2. A notebook with plenty of paper.
3. At least one pencil and one pen.
4. A Bible (NIV, RSV, ESV or NASB).

Evaluation:	Exams	40%
	Quizzes	30%
	Homework	10%
	Participation	20%

Weekly Outline: 1st Semester

Week	Topic	Readings/Quizzes
1	Omnibus (Eden Lost)	<i>Genesis 1-4</i> Creation/Fall/Redemption
2	God promises a people	<i>Genesis 11-22</i>
3	Search for Eden/Savior	Epic of Gilgamesh Lecture/Exodus 1-11
4	God develops a people	<i>Exodus 12-20/Codes of Hammurabi</i>
5	same as above	<i>Codes of Hammurabi/Moral Image-Bearers/Quiz</i>
6	God establishes a people	<i>1 Samuel</i>
7	God establishes a people	<i>2 Samuel</i>
8	un-fulfilled Eden	<i>2 Samuel/ Quiz</i>
9	Debate	
10	Humanity Longing for Home	<i>The Odyssey</i> Books 1-5
11	same as above	<i>The Odyssey</i> Books 6-9
12	same as above	<i>The Odyssey</i> Books 10-14
13	same as above	<i>The Odyssey</i> Books 15-21
14	same as above	<i>The Odyssey</i> Books 22-24/ Quiz
15	The Search Continues	<i>Plutarch's Lives/Theseus</i> pp. 1-24 ff
16	same as above	<i>Themistocles</i> pp.146-170 <i>Camillus</i> pp. 170-200 <i>Pericles</i> pp. 201-234
17	Brutality of Fallen Humanity	Quiz/Herodotus Books 1-2, 6-8, Quiz
18	same as above	1 st Semester Exam

Weekly Outline: 2nd Semester

Week	Topic	Readings/Quizzes
1	Another Eden Attempted	<i>Early History of Rome/</i> Introduction pp. 12-25
2	same as above	<i>EHofR / Book 1</i> (Early Kings of Rome)
3	same as above	<i>EHofR / Book 2</i> (<i>Republic Begins</i>)
4	same as above	<i>EHofR / Books 3-4</i> (selected readings)
5	Another False Eden Fails	<i>EHofR / Book 5</i> (<i>The Fall of Rome</i>) Quiz
6	Ethical/Moral Searching	<i>Sophocles I</i> (<i>Oedipus the King</i>)
7	same as above	<i>Sophocles I</i> (<i>Oedipus the King / Antigone</i>)
8	same as above	<i>Sophocles I</i> (<i>Antigone</i>)
9	The Search for Truth	<i>Four Texts on Socrates/ Quiz</i>
10	same as above	<i>Four Texts on Socrates/ Euthyphro</i>
11	same as above	<i>Four Texts on Socrates / Apology</i>
12	The Search for Glory	<i>The Aeneid/</i> Books 1-2
13	same as above	<i>The Aeneid/</i> Books 3-4
14	same as above	<i>The Aeneid /Books 5-6/ Quiz</i>
15	same as above	<i>The Aeneid/</i> Books 7-8
16	same as above	<i>The Aeneid/</i> Books 9-10
17	same as above	<i>The Aeneid/Books 11-12/Quiz</i>
18	A Destructive False Glory	<i>The Twelve Caesars/Julius Caesar</i> (selected readings)/ <i>Caesar Augustus</i> (selected readings) 2 nd Semester Exam