

Suggested Readings for POSTMODERNISM AND THE ENLIGHTENMENT LEGACY

Admittedly, the following list may be too academic, scholarly, or even esoteric. It's not meant as required reading but only as books that may become accessible to those who participate in this class. Introductions should be judged by how well they enhance familiarity, in this case with new ideas.

THE ENLIGHTENMENT

The Enlightenment, A Very Short Introduction. John Robertson. Oxford University Press, 2015 (Required).

The Enlightenment and Why it Still Matters. Anthony Pagden. Random House, 2013.

Fire and Light, How the Enlightenment Transformed Our World. James Macgregor Burns. St Martin's Press, 2013.

The Dream of Enlightenment. The Rise of Modern Philosophy. Anthony Gottlieb. WW Norton & Co, 2016.

The Birth of the Modern Mind, The Intellectual History of the 17th and 18th Centuries. Alan Charles Kors. The Great Courses (DVD), 1998.

THE ENEMIES OF THE ENLIGHTENMENT

Anything on the Enlightenment and its Critics by Isaiah Berlin

Enemies of the Enlightenment, the French Counter-Enlightenment and the Making of Modernity. Darren M. McMahon. Oxford University Press, 2001.

POSTMODERNISM

Postmodernism, A Very Short Introduction. Christopher Butler. Oxford University Press, 2002.

Postmodern Theory, Critical Interrogations. Steven Best and Douglas Kellner. The Guilford Press, 1991.

What's Left of Enlightenment? A Postmodern Question. Keith Michael Baker and Peter Hanns Reill, eds. Stanford University Press, 2001.

Postmodernism and the Enlightenment. Daniel Gordon, editor. Routledge, 2001.

Postmodernism. Derek Maus, editor. Green haven Press, 2001.

Fashionable Nonsense, Postmodern Intellectuals' Abuse of Science. Alan Sokal and Jean Bricmont. St. Martin's Press, 1998.