



Representative Readings for Foundational Traditions

Medieval Culture

Augustine, *The Confessions*
St. Athanasius, *The Life of St. Anthony the Great*.
The Rule of St. Benedict
Eusebius *In Praise of Constantine*
Gelasius, *Letter on the Two Powers*
Einhard, *Life of Charlemagne Medieval Europe*
Charter of Cluny
Song of Roland
Boethius, *The Consolation of Philosophy*
Letters of Abelard and Heloise

Anselm, *Proslogion*
Aquinas's *Summa Theologiae*
Bonaventure: The Soul's Journey into God, the Tree of Life, the Life of St. Francis
Kristin Lavransdatter I: *The Wreath*
Miller, *A Canticle for Leibowitz*
Chaucer, *Troilus and Criseyde* and *The Canterbury Tales*
Dante's *Inferno*

Renaissance and Reformation

Petrarch, *Letters on Familiar Matters*, and "Letter to Posterity"
Shakespeare, *The Taming of the Shrew*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Merchant of Venice*, *Twelfth Night*, *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *Henry IV*, *King Lear*, *Macbeth*, *The Tempest*
daVinci, Selections from *The Notebooks*
Machiavelli, *The Prince*
Erasmus, *The Praise of Folly*, and *The Education of a Christian Prince*
Montaigne, Selections from *The Essays*
Cervantes, *Don Quixote*
John Dillenberger, ed. *Martin Luther : Selections From His Writings*.
Ernst Cassier. *The Renaissance Philosophy of Man*.

Enlightenment and Its Critics

Descartes, *Discourse on Method*
Spinoza, *Theological-Political Treatise*
Hobbes, *Leviathan*
Locke, *Second Treatise*, and *A Letter Concerning Toleration*
Bayle, *Reason and Faith: Selections from the Works of Pierre Bayle*
Swift, *Gulliver's Travels*
Voltaire, *Candide*
Rousseau, *On the Social Contract, First and Second Discourses*, and *Emile*

Adam Smith, Selections from *Theory of Moral Sentiments* and *The Wealth of Nations*
Hume, *Treatise of Human Nature*, and *An Enquiry Concern Human Understanding*
Kant, *What is Enlightenment*, and *The Idea of a Universal History*
Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*
Thomas Paine, *Common Sense* and *African Slavery in America*
The Federalist Papers
Mary Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*