

## History 210A

## Readings List for Paper

Some of these titles are given in short form.

If you want to know more about a particular title, want suggestions, or a different topic, see me. Do not choose a book not on this list without telling me.

### 1. The Late Roman Empire

Alan Cameron, *Circus Factions*

Alan Cameron and Jacqueline Long, *Barbarians and Politics at the Court of Arcadius*

Averil Cameron, *The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity*

Walter Goffart, *Barbarians and Romans: The Techniques of Accommodation*

Herwig Wolfram, *The Roman Empire and its Germanic Peoples*

Ramsey MacMullen, *Paganism in the Roman empire*

A.H.M. Jones, *The Decline of the Ancient World*

Ramsey MacMullen, *Constantine*

Andrew Alfoldi, *A Conflict of Ideas in the Late Roman Empire: The Clash Between the Senate and Valentinian I*

M.T.W. Arnheim, *The Senatorial Aristocracy in the Late Roman Empire*

Robert Browning, *The Emperor Julian*

H.P. L'Orange, *Art Forms and Civic Life in the Late Roman Empire*

Ramsey MacMullen, *Enemies of the Roman Order: Treason, Unrest and Alienation in the Empire*

Ramsey MacMullen, *Soldier and Civilian in the Late Roman Empire*

Ronald Syme, *Emperors and Biography: Studies in the *Historia Augusta**

Ramsey MacMullen, *The Roman Government's Response to Crisis*

Diana Bowder, *The Age of Constantine and Justinian*

G. W. Bowersock, *Julian the Apostate*

Sabina MacCormack, *Art and Ceremony in Late Antiquity*

Richard Krautheimer, *Rome, Portrait of a City*

" " , *Three Christian Capitals*

Arnaldo Momigliano, *The Conflict between Paganism and Christianity in the Fourth Century*

M. T. W. Arnheim, *The Senatorial Aristocracy of the Late Roman Empire*

Judith Herrin, *The Formation of Christendom*

Williams, *Theodosius: The Empire at Bay*

John Matthews, *Laying Down the Law: A Study of the Theodosian Code*

Peter Heather, *The Fall of Rome: A New history of Romans and Barbarians*

R. van Dam, *Leadership and Community in Late Antique Gaul*

J. Harries, *Sidonius Appolinaris and the Fall of Rome*

Thomas Burns, *Barbarians within the Gates of Rome*

C. R. Whittaker, *Frontiers of the Roman Empire*

H. Elton, *Frontiers of the Roman Empire (sic!)*

H. Elton, *Warfare in the Roman Empire, AD350-425*

## 2. Patristic Christianity

Henry Chadwick, Priscillian of Avila

Robin Lane Fox, Pagans and Christians

Peter Brown, Augustine of Hippo

W.H.C. Frend, The Donatist Church

W.H.C. Frend, Martyrdom and Persecution in the Early Church

E. R. Dodds, Pagan and Christian in an Age of Anxiety

John N. D. Kelly, Early Christian Doctrines (difficult: select one problem, e.g. Christology, Trinity....)

J. N. D. Kelly, Jerome: His Life, Writings and Controversies

Noel Q. King, The Emperor Theodosius and the Establishment of Christianity

Charles Norris Cochrane, Christianity and Classical Culture

G. Bonner, Augustine and Modern Research on Pelagianism

Timothy Barnes, Tertullian: A Historical and Literary Study

Robert Markus, Saeculum: History and Society in the Theology of St. Augustine

Robert Markus, The End of Ancient Christianity

Robert Markus, *Gregory the Great and his World*

Timothy Barnes, Tertullian

R. D. Williams, Arius: Heresy and Tradition

Elizabeth A. Clark, The Origenist Controversy

## 3. The Byzantine Empire

T. S. Brown, *Gentlemen and Officers: Imperial Administration and Aristocratic Power in Byzantine Italy, A.D. 544-800*

J. Moorhead, Justinian

Dimitri Obolensky, *The Byzantine Commonwealth*

P. Allen and E. Jeffreys, The Sixth Century: End or Beginning?

A. Cameron, Procopius and the Sixth Century

T. Honore, Tribonian (concerns the creation of the Justinianic legal collections)

J. F. Haldon, *Byzantium in the Seventh Century*

Alexander A. Vasiliev, History of the Byzantine Empire (vol. 1)

Robert Browning, Justinian and Theodora

John W. Barker, Justinian and the Later Roman Empire

Walter Kaegi, Byzantium and Early Islamic Conquest

Glanville Downey, Constantinople in the Age of Justinian

A.A. Vasiliev, Justin the First, an Introduction to the Epoch of Justinian the Great

Alexander Sharf, Byzantine Jewry

A.H.M. Jones, The Cities of the Eastern Roman Empire

W.H.C. Frend, The Rise of the Monophysite Movement

J.A.S. Evans, Procopius

Constance Head, Justinian II and Byzantium

Francis Dvornik, Byzantium and the Roman Primacy

Francis Dvornik, The Making of Central and Eastern Europe

Joan M. Hussey, *The Byzantine World*

Dionysios Ch. Stathakopoulos, *Famine and Pestilence in the Late Roman and Byzantine Empire*

#### 4. The Barbarian West

Guy Halsell, *Warfare and Society in the Early Medieval West*

W. Pohl and H Reimitz, editors, *Kingdoms of the Empire: The Integration of Barbarians in Late Antiquity*

J. Jarnut and others, editors, *Gentes and Regna (the various barbarian kingdoms)*

James Campbell, ed., *The Anglo-Saxons*

Ian Wood, *The Merovingian Kingdoms, 450-751*

Edward James, *The Origins of France*

Edward James, *The Franks*

Wendy Davies, *Wales in the Early Middle Ages*

Wendy Davies, *Patterns of Power in Early Wales*

Wendy Davies, *An Early Welsh Microcosm*

A. Lane and N. Edwards, *The Early Church in Wales and the West*

K. Huges, *The Church in Early Irish Society*

D. O. Croinin, *Early Medieval Ireland, 400-1200*

A. P. Smyth, *Warlords and Holy Men: Scotland AD 80-1000*

Phillip Dixon, *Barbarian Europe*

Henri Pirenne, *Mohammed and Charlemagne* (very old --- classic picture of the impact of Islam. To be used as a starting point rather than as a conclusion)

Lynn White, ed., *The Transformation of the Roman World: Gibbon's Problem after Two Centuries* (studies)

Peter Heather, *The Goths*

J. Moorhead, *Theodoric in Italy*

Archibald R. Lewis, *Naval Power and Trade in the Mediterranean*

Bernard Bachrach, *A History of the Alans in the West*

Colin Douglas Gordon, *The Age of Atilla*

E.A. Thompson, *A History of Atilla and the Huns* (try to get the new edition, 1996, with the introduction by Peter Heather. See also Peter Heather, "The Huns and the End of the Roman Empire in Western Europe," *English Historical Review* 110 (1995).

Vera Evison, *The Fifth Century Invasions South of the Thames*

J.M. Wallace-Hadrill, *The Frankish Church*

Pauline Stafford, *Queens, Concubines and Dowagers: The King's Wife in the Early Middle Ages*

H.R. Loyn, *The Governance of Anglo-Saxon England*

William A. Chaney, *The Cult of Kingship in Anglo-Saxon England*

Isabel Henderson, *The Picts*

J.M. Wallace-Hadrill, *The Barbarian West*

J.M. Wallace-Hadrill, *Long-Haired Kings* (studies)

Thomas S. Burns, *A History of the Ostrogoths*

Alexander Murray, *Germanic Kingship Structure*

Bernard Bachrach, Merovingian Military Organization  
E.A. Thompson, The Visigoths in the Age of Ulfila  
E.A. Thompson, The Goths in Spain  
P.H. Sawyer and I.N. Wood, eds., Early Medieval Kingship  
E. James, ed. Visigothic Spain, New Approaches (studies)  
S. Katz, The Jews in the Visigothic and Frankish Kingdoms  
Roger Collins, Early Medieval Spain  
P.D. King, King, Law and Society in the Visigothic Kingdom  
Samuel Dill, Roman Society in Gaul in the Merovingian Age  
D. G. Scragg, ed., The Battle of Maldon, 991  
P.H. Sawyer, ed., Names, Words and Graves: Early Medieval Settlement (Studies)  
Nora K. Chadwick, Early Brittany  
Nora K. Chadwick, Poetry and Letters in Early Christian Gaul  
C.E. Stevens, Sidonius Apollinaris and His Age  
Henry Mayr-Harting, Ottonian Book Illumination  
P. de Palol and M. Hirmer, Early Medieval Art in Spain  
E. Brehaut, An Encyclopaedist of the Dark Ages, Isidorus of Seville  
Pierre J. Payes, Sex and the Penitentials  
Phillipe Contamine, Warfare in the Middle Ages (first part)  
Herwig Wolfram, History of the Goths  
Herwig Wolfram, The Roman Empire and its Germanic Peoples  
Edward James, The Origins of France  
Edward James, The Franks  
Richard Abels, Lordship and Military Obligation in Anglo-Saxon England  
Chris Wickham, Early Medieval Italy  
Bryan Ward-Perkins, From Classical Antiquity to the Middle Ages: Urban Public Building in Northern and Central Italy, 300-850  
Bryna Ward-Perkins The Decline of Rome and the End of Civilization (argues that the end of the Empire was in fact a cataclysm, not a gradual transformation)  
Walter Goffart, Rome's Fall and After (essays that argue a contrary, non-cataclysmic view)  
Walter Goffart, *The Narrators of Barbarian History, A.D. 500-800*  
Ian Wood and P. Sawyer, *Early Medieval Kingship*  
Matthew Innes, *State and Society in the Early Middle Ages: The Middle Rhine Valley 400-1000*  
F. M. Clover, The Late Roman West and the Vandals (collected essays)  
Ian Wood, editor, Franks and Alemanni in the Migration Period  
H. Hamerow, Early Medieval Settlements: The Archaeology of Rural Communities in Northwest Europe 400-900  
Florin Curta, *The Making of the Slavs*

## 5. Monasticism and Dark Age Christianity

Lowrie Daly, Benedictine Monasticism  
Lisa Bitel, *Isle of the Saints: Monastic Settlement and Christian Community in Early Ireland*  
E. Campbell, *Saints and Sea-Kings: The First Kingdom of the Scots*

M. Richter, editor, *Ireland and its Neighbors in the Seventh Century*  
B. Jaski, *Early Irish Kingship and Succession*  
George H. Forsyth, *The Monastery of St. Catherine of Mt. Sinai*  
David Knowles, *The Benedictines*  
D. J. Chitty, *The Desert City*  
Owen Chadwick, *John Cassian*  
Walter Horn, *The Plan of St. Gall*  
Peter Partner, *The Lands of St. Peter" The Papal State...*  
Trevor Jalland, *The Life and Times of Leo the Great*  
R.P.C. Hanson, *St. Patrick, His Origins and Career*  
Nora Chadwick, *The Age of the Saints in the Early Celtic Church*  
Kathleen Hughes, *The Church in Early Irish Society*  
John Ryan, *Irish Monasticism: Origin and Early Development*  
Wendy Davies, *Patterns of Power in Early Wales*  
E.A. Fisher, *The Greater Anglo-Saxon Churches*  
John T. McNeill, *The Celtic Churches*  
Leslie Hardinge, *The Celtic Church in Britain*  
Margaret Deanesly, *Augustine of Canterbury*  
Boethius, *His Life, Thought and Influence (essays)*  
Benedicta Ward, *Miracles and the Medieval Mind*  
Peter Brown, *Society and the Holy in Late Antiquity*  
J. Howard-Johnston and P.A. Hayward, editors, *The Cult of the Saints in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages*  
F. S. Paxton, *Christianizing Death: The Creation of a Ritual Process in Early Medieval Europe*  
D. N. Dumville, ed., *Saint Patrick, 493-1993*  
Carole Straw, *Gregory the Great: Perfection in Imperfection*  
J. Richards, *Consul of God: The Life and Times of Gregory the Great*  
Carl Leyser, *Authority and Asceticism from Augustine to Gregory the Great*

## 6. Economic History

Michael McCormick, *The Origins of the European Economy: Commerce and Communication* (yes, 900 pages, but fascinating)  
N. Puircell and P. Horden, *The Corrupting Sea* (only 600 pages -- deals with the Mediterranean)  
K. Randborg, *The First Millennium AD in Italy and Europe*  
Richard Hodges and W. Bowden, editors, *The Sixth Century: Production and Demand*  
Chris Wickham and I. Hansen, editors, *The Long Eighth Century*  
G. Ausenda, *After Empire*

## 7. The Arabs and Islam

W. Montgomery Watt & P. Cachia, *A History of Islamic Spain*  
Walter Kaegi, *Byzantium and Early Islamic Conquests*  
Roger Collins, *The Arab Conquest of Spain*

A. Chejne, Muslim Spain, its History and Culture  
T. F. Glick, Islamic and Christian Spain in the Early Middle Ages  
R. W. Bulliet, Conversion to Islam in the Medieval Period  
Hugh Kennedy, *Muslim Spain and Portugal: A Political History of al-Andalus*  
Hugh Kennedy, *The Prophet and the Age of the Caliphates*  
M. Robinson, Mohammed  
P. Crone and M. Cook, Hagarism: The Making of the Islamic World  
M. Cook, Early Muslim Dogma  
P.K. Hitti, History of the Arabs  
S.D. Goitein, Studies in Islamic and Institutions  
W. Montgomery Watt, Muhammed, Prophet and Statesman  
Richard Bell, Introduction to the Qur'an  
E. A. Belyaer, Arabs, Islam and the Caliphate  
Richard W. Southern, Western Views of Islam in the Middle Ages

## 8. Charlemagne and the Carolingian Empire

D. A. Bullough, "European Pater: Charlemagne and His Achievement in the Light of Recent Scholarship." English Historical Review 85 (1970). 50-105 Read with Robert Folz, "Charlemagne and his Empire" in Essays on the Reconstruction of Medieval History, ed. Vaclav Mudroch and G.S. Couse (Montreal, 1974), pp. 87-112, and Richard Sullivan, "The Carolingian Age," Speculum 64 (1989), 267-306.

James A. Cabaniss, Charlemagne  
Donald Bullough, Carolingian Renewal: Sources and Heritage  
Louis Halphen, Charlemagne and the Carolingian Empire  
Peter Godman and Roger Collins, Charlemagne's Heir: New Perspectives on the Reign of Louis the Pious  
Pierre Riché, The Carolingians: A Family who Forged Europe  
Francois Ganshof, The Carolingians and the Frankish Monarchy (studies)  
Karl Morrison, The Two Kingdoms: Ecclesiology in Carolingian Political Thought  
Walter Ullmann, The Carolingian Renaissance and the Idea of Kingship  
Julia Smith, Province and Empire: Brittany and the Carolingians  
Pierre Riche, Education and Culture in the Barbarian West  
Pierre Riche, Everyday Life Under Charlemagne  
Luitpold Wallach, Alcuin and Charlemagne  
R. Sullivan, Aix-la-Chapelle in the Age of Charlemagne  
R. Folz, The Coronation of Charlemagne  
Janet Nelson, Charles the Bald  
Heinrich Fichtenau, Living in the Tenth Century  
Timothy Reuter, Germany in the Early Middle Ages  
Julia Smith, Province and Empire: Brittany and the Carolingians  
Rosamond McKitterick, *The Frankish Kingdoms under the Carolingians, 751-987*  
Rosamond McKitterick, *The Carolingians and the Written Word*  
M. Costambeys et al., *The Carolingian World*

Paul Fouracre, *The Age of Charles Martel*  
J. Storey, editor, *Charlemagne: Empire and Society*  
R. Collins, *Charlemagne*

9. Original Sources (also look at the Internet Medieval Sourcebook:  
[www.fordham.edu/halsall/newtrans.html](http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/newtrans.html))

The Letters of Gregory the Great, ed. John R. C. Martyn  
The Annals of St.-Bertin, ed. Janet L. Nelson  
Conquerors and Chroniclers of Early Medieval Spain, ed. Kenneth Baxter Wolf  
Salvian, *On the Government of God*  
The Western Fathers, ed. F. R. Hoare [Lives of Saints Martin, Honoratus, Germanus]  
Orosius, *Seven Books of History Against the Pagans*  
Zosimus, *Historia Nova*, trans. J. J. Buchanan & H. T. Davis,  
Dhoda: *Handbook for William: A Carolingian Woman's Counsel for her Son*  
Leander of Seville, *Rule for Nuns* [Fathers of the Church, vol.62]  
Edward Peters, ed., *Monks, Bishops and Pagans* [sources]  
Helen Wadell, *The Desert Fathers* [writings of Desert Saints]  
B. S. Scholz, ed., *Carolingian Chronicles* [Frankish Annales & Nithard]  
A. Cabanis, ed., *Charlemagne's Cousins* [Lives of Adalard & Wala]  
A. Cabanis, ed., *Son of Charlemagne* [Life of Louis the Pious by "The Astronomer"]  
Saint Boniface, *Letters*, trans. Ephraim Emerton  
Sidonius Apollinaris, *Letters* [Loeb Classics]  
Bede, *Ecclesiastical History of the English Church and People*  
Boethius, *The Consolation of Philosophy*  
The Emperor Julian: *Panegyric and Polemic*  
Cassiodorus, *Introduction to Divine and Human Readings*  
The See of Peter, ed. James Shotwell [Material showing rise of papacy]  
Fredegar, *Fourth Book of the Chronicle*, ed. J. M. Wallace- Hadrill [Continuator of Gregory of Tours]  
Gerbert [Pope Sylvester II], *Letters*, trans. H. P. Lattin  
Other works in the Fathers of the Church Series by Augustine, Gregory the Great, Ambrose, Jerome (whose Letters are also in Loeb Classics),  
Theophanes, *The Chronicle of Theophanes* (ed. Harry Turtledove)  
Cassiodorus, *Variae* (state papers of the Ostrogothic Kingdom)  
Cassiodorus *Institutes* (two editions--- one under the title *An Introduction to Divine and Human Readings*, NY 1946; or *Institutes*, trans. M. Vesey, Liverpool, 2005. presents Cassiodorus' idea of the liberal arts)  
Gregory the Great, *Dialogues*, trans. O. Zimmerman (Father of the Church series)  
stories of Italian saints  
Victor of Vita, *History of the Vandal Persecution*  
The Lives of the Eighth Century Popes (*Liber Pontificalis*)  
The Book of the Pontiffs: *The Ancient Biographies of the First Ninety Roman Bishops to AD 715*  
Procopius, *Buildings* (available in Penguin or Loeb classic)

Charlemagne: Translated Sources (P. D. King, editor) (Kendal, 1987)  
Isidore of Seville, *A History of the Goths, Sueves and Vandals*, in Kenneth Baxter Wolf, editor, *Conquerors and Chroniclers of Early Medieval Spain*  
Jordanes, *History of the Goths*, trans. C. C. Mierow  
Paul the Deacon, *History of the Lombards*, trans. W. D. Foulke  
Dorothy Whitlock, ed., *English Historical Documents*, vol. 1 (500-1042), especially for *The Anglo Saxon Chronicle*  
*Alfred the Great: Asser's Life of King Alfred and other Contemporary Sources*, ed. S. Keynes and M. Lapidge  
*The Visigothic Code*, trans. S. P. Scott  
*The Lombard Laws*, trans. Katherine Fischer Drew  
*The Laws of the Salian Franks*, trans. Katherine Fischer Drew  
*Late Merovingian France: History and Hagiography, 640-720*, ed. Paul Fouracre and Richard Geberding  
*Byzantium in the Iconoclast Era (ca. 680-850): The Sources*, ed. Leslie Brubaker and John Halden.

## 10. Vikings

P. H. Sawyer, *Kings & Vikings: Scandinavia & Europe*  
Alfred Smyth, *Scandinavian York & Dublin: The History & Archaeology of Two Related Viking Kingdoms*  
Gwyn Jones, *A History of the Vikings*  
T. D. Kendrick, *A History of the Vikings*  
P. H. Sawyer, *The Sage of the Vikings*  
Archibald R. Lewis, *The Northern Seas: Commerce between 500- 1100*  
Helen Clarke, *Towns in the Viking Age*  
Peter Foote & David Wilson, *The Viking Achievement*  
Peter Hallberg, *The Icelandic Saga*  
Else Rosedahl, *The Vikings*  
T. D. Kendrick, *Late Saxon and Viking Art*  
M. K. Lawson, *Cnut: The Danes in England in the Early 11th Century*  
Lucien Musset, *The Invasions, the Second Assault*

## 11. Culture and Society (incl. Art and Archaeology)

J. Williams, *Early Spanish Manuscript Illumination*  
Joan Cadden, *The Meanings of Sex Difference in the Early Middle Ages*  
Peter Brown, *The Cult of the Saints. Its Rise and Function in Latin Christianity*  
Peter Brown, *The Body and Society: Men, Women and Sexual Renunciation in Early Christianity*  
Wendy Davies and Paul Fouracre, *The Settlement of Disputes in Early Medieval Europe*  
Heinrich Fichtenau, *Living in the Tenth Century: Mentalities and Social Orders*  
Valerie Flint, *The Rise of Magic in Early Medieval Europe*  
Ruth M. Karras, *Slavery and Society in Early Medieval Scandinavia*

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W. I. Miller, *Bloodletting and Peacemaking*  
Rosamond McKitterick, ed., *Carolingian Culture: Emulation and Innovation*  
Pierre Riche, *Education and Culture in the Barbarian West*  
L. Webster and J. Backhouse, eds., *The Making of England: Anglo-Saxon Art and Culture*  
Bernhard Bischoff, *Carolingian Manuscripts in the Ages of Charlemagne*  
R. Krautheimer, *Early Christian and Byzantine Architecture*  
Henry Mayr-Harting, *Ottonian Book Illumination: An Historical Study*  
Mireille Mentre, *Illuminated Manuscripts of Medieval Spain*  
Donald Bullough, *Carolingian Renewal: Sources and Heritage*  
Kurt Weitzmann, *Studies in Classical and Byzantine Manuscript Illumination*  
David Talbot Rice, *The Appreciation of Byzantine Art*  
David Talbot Rice, *The Great Palace of the Byzantine Emperors*  
Heinz Kahler, *Hagia Sophia*  
Otto George von Simson, *Sacred Fortress: Byzantine Art and Statecraft in Ravenna*  
Daniel J. Sahas, *Icon and Logos*  
J. Hubert et al, *Europe in the Dark Ages [Art]*  
S. Foster, ed., *Saint Andrew's Sarcophagus*  
M. Carver, *Surviving in Symbols: A Visit to the Pictish Nation*