

Assignments Subject to Change

Week	In Class	Assignment Due
1	Go over class information, expectations, etc. Discussion of two competing views of the present: <i>1984</i> vs. <i>Brave New World</i>	Mon/Tues: Summer Reading Essays
2	Intro and <i>Fractured Republic: Chapter 1</i>	Start reading <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> Student Presentations (to be assigned week 1)
3	MONDAY = LABOR DAY NO CLASS Mon/Tues Discussion of <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> Introduce <i>The Next Story</i>	Finish reading <i>Fahrenheit 451</i>
*5	Discussion of <i>The Next Story</i> : Technology, the “real” world vs. the “digital world,” media ecology Introduce <i>Total Truth</i>	Read <i>The Next Story</i> : Introduction, preface, ch. 1 and 2 Due Mon/Tues: Summarize Challies' statements regarding technology and idolatry (250 words). Due Wed/Thurs: “Some critics see <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> primarily as a tract against censorship and government surveillance. Others believe that Bradbury's message was a critique of an entertainment-driven culture. What do you think that Bradbury's social criticism is primarily aimed at? Why” (500 words)
6	<i>Total Truth</i> : Fact/Values Split and the disconnect between faith and life <i>The Next Story</i> : digital history; from oral to print to digital communication	Read <i>Total Truth</i> : p. 17-62; <i>The Next Story</i> , ch. 3; Due Mon/Tues: Q1 W6 Questions (See Below)
7	TUES - <i>Total Truth</i> : Why Plato Matters THURS - <i>The Next Story</i> : Communication	Read <i>Total Truth</i> : p. 63-95; <i>The Next Story</i> , ch. 4 Due Tues/Thurs: Q1 W7 Questions
8	TUES - <i>Total Truth</i> : How religion is kept “in its place” THURS - <i>The Next Story</i> : Mediation and Identity	Read <i>Total Truth</i> : p. 97-121; <i>The Next Story</i> , ch. 5 Due TUES/THURS: Q1 W8 Questions

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First Quarter Assignments

9 or week 1 of 2 nd quarter	TUES - <i>Total Truth</i> : Revolution vs. Redemption THURS - <i>The Next Story</i> : Distraction	Read <i>Total Truth</i> , p. 123-150; <i>The Next Story</i> , ch. 6 Due Mon/Tues: Q1 W9 Questions
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Q1 W6 Questions:

1. *Total Truth*: What does the author mean when she writes about “privatized religion?” (1 paragraph)
2. “Why has a therapeutic form of religion become popular?” (1 paragraph)
3. *The Next Story*: Choose a form of technology you use regularly (phone, iPad . . .) and answer the questions about it on p.. 61-64.

Q1 W7 Questions:

1. *Total Truth*: What does the author mean by the phrase “the culture captivity of Christianity?” How does the discussion of creation, fall, and redemption on p. 83-95 provide a possible solution to “liberating Christianity from its cultural captivity?” (100-150 words) **TUESDAY**
2. *The Next Story*: Answer Question 2, p. 87 (1 paragraph). Then, ask someone who knows you well to answer this question about you and write down their answer (1 paragraph). **THURSDAY**

Q1 W8 Questions:

1. *Total Truth*: What is the difference between the Biblical concept of faith and the modernist “leap of faith”? (1 paragraph) **TUESDAY**
2. *The Next Story*: Answer questions 1 and 2 on p. 113. **THURSDAY**

Q1 W9 Questions:

1. *Total Truth*: Explain how Rousseau's ideas have filtered down to ordinary people, with many in contemporary culture regarding any normative standards for marriage as “disparaging, demanding, and humiliating.” (250 words) **TUESDAY**
2. *The Next Story*: Answer questions 2 and 4 on p. 135 **THURSDAY**

***Lost week 4 due to hurricane Irma. We will simply shift everything one week. Week 8 of the 1st quarter will be week 1 of the 2nd quarter.**