

Schedule of readings and assignments (subject to change)

M	W	F
Week 1	August 29 & 31	Getting started
		Making college relevant (p. 89), What is Liberal Education (p. 7), Statement on Liberal Learning (p. 8)
Week 2	September 3, 5, & 7	Limits on the knowable
Veils of Maya (p. 12)	The Allegory of the Cave (p. 29) Check on lead-in from the republic	Parable of the Blind Men and the Elephant (p. 28) (Field trip)
Week 3	September 10, 12, & 14	Expectations
Discussion of Parable of Blind Men and the Elephant	Richard Feynman on Education in Brazil (see LMS for link, bring copy for class discussion), Angels on a Pin (p. 49)	Learning is not Fun (p. 64), Effective Learning Begins with the Right Attitudes (p. 26).
Week 4	September 17, 19, & 21	Asking Questions is Dangerous
Gryphon (p. 40), Emperor's New Clothes (p. 38)	The Building an Encyclopedia, With or Without Scholars (p. 9)	Film discussion: Galileo (from play by Bertold Brecht)
Week 5	September 24, 26, & 28	Adding to Human Knowledge
At McGill	At McGill	At McGill
Week 6	October 1, 3, & 5	How it is done here
	Westminster College (WC) Mission Statement (p. 3), The Westminster Plan (p. 4), WC First Year Student Prize (p. 287), WC Academic Integrity Policy (p. 283).	
The "Undue Weight" of Truth on Wikipedia (p. 10)		
Week 7	October 8, 10, & 12	Appreciating Art
Test 1	What to Listen for in Music (p. 95)	Strategies for Looking (p. 133) Goofie purple octopus
Week 8	October 15, 17, 19	Practicing Science
Learning to See (p. 112), Start diffusion Experiment (see LMS for link) at Hoyt 104	Meet (Hand out) TBA, activity: Random Walks	from Voodoo Science (p. 171) Literature gives insight about people...
Week 9	October 22, 24, 26	
Three Poems by Billy Collins (p. 130), Persimmons (p. 155)	Tenebrae for Lonnie (p. 102)	Jim Perkins Day --Arrive with 3 questions in hand on note card. and society
Week 10	October 30, 31, & November 2	

The Tree of Knowledge (p. 137)	Person and Community in African Traditional Thought (p. 161)	The Challenges of Cultural Relativism (see LMS for link)
Week 11	November 5, 7, 9	Which brings us back to Science
Look Who's Talking (p. 264)	Is God an Accident (p. 115)	In class writing
Week 12	November 12, 14, 16	Economic Structure of the World
The Gospel of Consumption (p. 211)	from The World is Flat (p. 196) Action Heros (p. 183)	Black Swan(Hand out) Slate article about inequality
Week 13	November 19 and Thanksgiving	
Random Walks in Money	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break
Week 14	November 26, 28, 30	A call to action
The Tragedy of the Commons (p. 200)--fish game Blame Wal-Mart (p. 262)	Don't Should Fracking Stop (p. 250)	The Coming Death Shortage (p. 234)
Week 15	December 3, 5, 7	Presentations
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Final Exam: Tuesday December 11
at 8-10:30AM