This document offers a master reading list from which students will draw up individualized (and much shorter!) reading lists in preparing exams in two different but overlapping graduate fields in history--known in the books as France 1461-1789 and Intellectual History of Western and Central Europe 1500-1800 and which I call early modern France and early modern European intellectual and cultural history. As this joint document suggests, I typically combine the students preparing these two fields into one group for discussions every other week or so.

Some weeks' readings are clearly divided into two tracks--early modern intellectual cultural and early modern France--but in many weeks the syllabus is common to both tracks, or with an additional set of readings for the French angle. Students will form their personal reading lists for their general exam field by selecting from and adding to the readings for each week according to their interests; borrowings from the other track are always welcome. The majority of the readings are secondary sources; if you have no experience with primary sources in these areas, please familiarize yourself with some of the primary sources on the list (these are bolded) or others that we agree upon. Starred items are particularly important. Please read the starred items relevant to your track and 1-3 other items which can be read more cursorily; students will learn about further books on the list through hearing the reports from others in the group. Meetings will be run as discussions, with students responsible for oral presentations on one or more books at each session. Please bring the books you report on to the meeting (insofar as possible). Feedback is always welcome!
GENERAL REFERENCE

Early modern French history--dictionaries and reference books
François Bluche, Dictionnaire du grand siècle (1990)
René and Suzanne Pillorget, France Baroque, France Renaissance (1995), vol. 1: récit; vol 2: dictionnaire
Arlette Jouanna et al eds., La France de la Renaissance, histoire et dictionnaire (2001); and Histoire et Dictionnaire des Guerres de Religion (1998)

French history surveys:
William Beik, A social and cultural history of early modern France (2009)
Frederic Baumgartner, France in the sixteenth century (1995)
Laurent Bourquin, La France au XVIe siècle (Collection Belin Sup, 1996); Robert Descimon and Christian Jouhaud, La France du premier XVIIe siècle 1594–1661 (1996); Michel Nassiet, La France du second XVIIe (1661-1715) (1997) [in French and not in HUL].

Early modern European general history--ref. books and surveys
Thomas Brady, Heiko Oberman, and James Tracy, eds., Handbook of European History 1400-1600, Robin Briggs, Oxford History of Europe (1999)
Longman Handbook of Early Modern Europe, 1453-1763 (2001)
Geoffrey Parker, Europe in Crisis 1598-1648 (2nd ed. 2001)

 Literary history surveys

Economic history

**Historical sociology**

**Other countries**

---, "The Decline of Spain: An Historical Myth?" *Past and Present* (1978)

Hajo Holborn, *A history of modern Germany* (1982); vol 1: the Reformation; vol 2: 1648-1840
Thomas Brady, *German histories in the age of Reformations, 1400-1650* (2009)


**Professional resources**
www.fas.harvard.edu/~earlymod
Sixteenth Century Studies
Renaissance Society of America
French Historical Studies
SESSION I : HISTORIOGRAPHY

EARLY MODERN EUROPE (IN COMMON)
Jack Goldstone, "The problem of the 'early modern' world," Journal of Economic and Social History of the Orient (1998)—on the applicability of "early modern" beyond Europe Companion to Western Historical Thought, ed. Lloyd Krane and Sarah Maza (2002); articles on microhistory, histoire totale etc.

FRANCE
Early modern France
*Peter Burke, French historical revolution: the Annales School 1929-89 (1990)
Stuart Clark, ed. The Annales School. Critical assessments, 4 vols. e.g. vol. 1 Lynn Hunt "Rise and Fall of the the Annales Paradigm" (vols. 1-2 on general issues; vol. 3 on Braudel; vol. 4 on specific historians, e.g. Febvre, Bloch, Goubert) (1999)

Browse one of these classics of histoire totale:
Pierre Deyon, Amiens, capitale provinciale (1967)
Pierre Goubert, Beauvais et le Beauvaisis (1960)

Biographies of historians:
Natalie Zemon Davis, A Passion for History. Conversations with Denis Crouzet ---, "A Life of Learning" ACLS Haskins lecture (available on-line through Google)
Georges Duby, History continues (1997)
Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie, L'historien, le chiffre et le texte (1997)

French national identity:
Pierre Nora, Realms of Memory vol. 1 (conflict and divisions), e.g. Chartier on St-Malo-Geneva line; vol. 2 (traditions): on specific books and monuments
David Bell, The cult of the nation in France: inventing nationalism 1680-1800 (2001)
Peter Sahlins, Unnaturally French: foreign citizens in the Old Regime and after (2004); see also his Boundaries on the Pyrenees (1659-1870) --under Louis XIV.

EARLY MODERN INTELLECTUAL
Donald Kelley, "What is Happening to the History of Ideas?" Journal of the History of Ideas (1990)
---. The descent of ideas: the history of intellectual history (2002)
*Robert Darnton, "Intellectual and Cultural History" in The Kiss of Lamourette (1990)
Dominick Lacapra, Rethinking Intellectual History: Texts, Contexts, Language (1983)

Skinner school:
---. "Motives, Intentions and the interpretation of Texts," New Literary History 3 (1972), 393-408
James Tully, Meaning and context: Quentin Skinner and his Critics (1988)

EARLY MODERN CULTURAL
Carlo Ginzburg, "The Inquisitor as Anthropologist" in Clues, Myths and the Historical method
(1992), pp. 156-164
*Peter Burke, What is Cultural History? (2004)
---. Varieties of Cultural History (1997)
SESSION II: SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURES OF EARLY MODERN FRANCE

*Pierre Goubert, Ancien Regime (1969): intro and primary sources
primary: Manor life in old France from the journal of the sire de Gouberville, 1549-62, ed. Katharine W. Fedden (1933), pdf

Peasants
Jonathan Dewald and Liana Vardi, "The peasantries of France 1400-1789" in Tom Scott ed., The peasantries of Europe from 14th to 18th Ct (1998)
Antoine Follain, Le village sous l'Ancien Régime (2008)

Family and demographic history
Jean Louis Flandrin, Families in Former Times: kinship, household, and sexuality (1979)
Philippe Ariès, Centuries of Childhood (1962)
For historical interest browse Louis Henry, Manuel de démographie historique (1967)
David Sabean, Kinship in Neckarhausen, 1700-1870 (1998)
Christopher Johnson and David Sabean, eds., Sibling relations and the transformations of European kinship, 1300-1900 (2011)

Urban history
Orest Ranum, Paris in the Age of Absolutism (1968; rev and expanded ed. 2002)

Nobility--robe and sword

Ellery Schalk, From Valor to Pedigree: Ideas of Nobility in France in the 16th and 17th Centuries (1986)
George Huppert, Le bourgeois gentilhomme: an essay on the definition of elites in Renaissance France (1977)
Davis Bitton, The French Nobility in Crisis 1560-1640 (1969)

**Primary**
Charles Loyseau, A Treatise of Orders and Plain Dignities (1994)
SESSION II INTELLECTUAL HISTORY: ARISTOTELIANISM AND THE UNIVERSITIES

Medieval background


Colish, Marcia, Medieval Foundations of the Western Intellectual Tradition (1997)
Jacques Verger, Men of Learning in Europe at the End of the Middle Ages (2000)
G. R. Evans, ed., The Medieval theologians (2001)
Hilde de Ridder-Symoens, ed. Universities in the Middle Ages (1992)
H. Rashdall, F. Powicke et al., The Universities of Europe in the Middle Ages (1987)
William Courtenay, Teaching Careers at the University of Paris in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries (1988)

Early modern universities
Laurence Brockliss, French Higher Education in the 17th and 18th centuries (1987)

Renaissance Aristotelianism
*Charles Schmitt, Aristotle and the Renaissance
SESSION III INTELLECTUAL: RENAISSANCE HUMANISM

Charles Nauert, Humanism and the Culture of Renaissance Europe (rev. ed. with a new chapter on women, 2006)
Paul O. Kristeller, Renaissance thought and its sources
Ronald Witt, In the footsteps of the ancients: the origins of humanism from Lovato to Bruni (2000)

FOR REFERENCE
Anthony Grafton and Glenn Most eds., The Classical Tradition (2010)

Baron Thesis
Hans Baron, "Leonardo Bruni: 'Professional Rhetorician' or 'Civic Humanist'?” Past and Present 36 (1967): 21-37

Humanist education
Robert Black, Humanism and education in medieval and Renaissance Italy (2001)
Grafton and Jardine, From Humanism to the Humanities (1986)
Paul Grendler, Schooling in Renaissance Italy: literacy and learning 1300-1600 (1989)

Humanism and natural history
Paula Findlen, Possessing Nature: museums, collecting and scientific culture in early modern Italy (1994)

Renaissance philosophy: Platonism and anti-Aristotelianism
James Hankins, Plato in the Renaissance (1994)
Brian Copenhaver and Charles Schmitt, Renaissance Philosophy (1992)
Kristeller, *Eight philosophers of the Italian Renaissance* (1964)
Cassirer et al eds., *Renaissance Philosophy of Man: primary source selections in translation*

**Northern humanism—esp. Erasmus**
James Tracy, *Erasmus* (1972)
---, *The Politics of Erasmus* (1979)
Margaret Mann Phillips, *Erasmus and the Northern Renaissance* (1949) [easy biography]
Bruce Mansfield, *Phoenix of his Age: interpretations of Erasmus 1550-1750* (1979)
SESSION III: FRENCH RENAISSANCE MONARCHY

French humanism
Augustin Renaudet, Préréforme et humanisme à Paris pendant les premières guerres d'Italie (1494-1517) (1916); for a short version in English see Werner Gundersheimer, French Humanism (1969), pp. ??
Gerald Sandy, The classical heritage in France (2002)
Grafton on Guillaume Budé in Commerce with the Classics (1995)
primary: Budé, "On establishing the study of letters" and Rabelais, from Gargantua and Pantagruel, in The Northern Renaissance, ed. Lewis Spitz, pp. 48-72.

French Renaissance kingship
J. Russell Major, From Renaissance Monarchy to Absolute Monarchy: French kings, nobles and estates (1994); but see also William Beik, "The absolutism of Louis XIV as social collaboration," (a review essay) Past and Present (2005), 195-224.
*Ralph Giesey, Rulership in France 15th-17th cities (2004)

Rituals and culture
Ralph Giesey, Royal Funeral Ceremony in Renaissance France (1960)
Sarah Hanley, Lit de Justice of the Kings of France: Constitutional Ideology in Legend, Ritual and Discourse (1983)
Lawrence Bryant, The King and the City in the Parisian Royal Entry Ceremony: Politics, Ritual and Art in the Renaissance (1986)
Michael Wintroub, A savage mirror: power, identity and knowledge in early modern France (2006)
Monarchs
R. J. Kecht, Renaissance Warrior and Patron: the reign of Francis I (1994)
Anne-Marie Lecoq, François Ier imaginaire (1987)
Frederic Baumgartner, Henry II, King of France 1547-1559 (1988)

FOR REFERENCE
Ernst H. Kantorowicz, The King's Two Bodies: A study in Mediaeval Political Theology (1957); OR “Pro patria mori in medieval political thought,” American Historical Review 56:3 (1951)
Marc Bloch, The Royal Touch: monarchy and miracles in France and England (1961, tr'n of Roi thaumaturge)
Gaston Zeller, Les institutions de la France au 16e siècle (1948)
SESSION IV: PRINTING (IN COMMON)

Beginnings and impact of printing:
*David McKitterick, Print, Manuscript and the Search for Order 1450-1830 (2003)
Lucien Febvre and Henri-Jean Martin, The Coming of the Book (1976)
Rudolf Hirsch, Printing, Selling and Reading 1450-1550 (1967)
Adrian Johns, The Nature of the Book, introduction (for a shortcut to this book, see the selection by Adrian Johns in The Book History Reader, ed. David Finkelstein and Alistair McCleery)

Book culture
Roger Chartier, The Order of Books: readers, authors and libraries in Europe form fourteenth to eighteenth century (1994)
---, Inscription and erasure: literature and written culture from the 11th to the 18th century (2007)
Guglielmo Cavallo and Roger Chartier, eds. A History of Reading in the West, esp. chs. on early modern
Ann Blair, Too Much To Know: managing scholarly information before the modern age (2010)
Peter Burke, A social history of knowledge (2000)

Books and Enlightenment

for more references, see the lists for the exam field in History of the Book, accessible from my website
SESSION V: REFORMATIONS

*James Tracy, Europe's Reformations, 1450-1650 (1999)
Brad Gregory, Salvation at Stake, Christian Martyrdom in Early Modern Europe (1999)
Robert Scribner, Reformation in national context (1994)
Brad Gregory, Salvation at Stake: Christian martyrdom in early modern Europe (1999)

LUTHERANISM (intellectual/cultural)
*Steven Ozment, The Age of Reform 1250-1550: an intellectual and religious history of late medieval and reformation Europe (1980)
---, The Reformation in the Cities (1975).
---, Religion and Culture in Germany 1400-1800 (2001)
---, The German Reformation (1986)
---, For the Sake of Simple Folk (1994)
Gerald Strauss, "Success and Failure in the German Reformation," Past and Present 67 (1975): 30-63
---, Luther's House of Learning (1978)
---, The impact of the Reformation (1994)
---, Luther: man between God and the devil (1989)
Bernd Moeller, Imperial cities and the Reformation: three cities (1972)
Thomas Tentler, Sin and Confession on the Eve of the Reformation (1977)

ENGLAND--a few pointers (intellectual/cultural)
Richard Rex, Henry VIII and the English Reformation (2005)

CATHOLICISM (IN COMMON)--GENERAL EUROPE
*R. Hsia, World of Catholic Renewal (1998)
Heinz Schilling, Early modern European civilization and its political and cultural dynamism (2008)
Gigliola Fragnito, ed., Church, censorship and culture in early modern Italy (2001)
John O'Malley, Trent and All That; renaming Catholicism in the early modern era (2000)
Peter Burke, "How to become a Counter-Reformation Saint" in The Counter-Reformation: The

CALVINISM (IN COMMON)
Allan Tulchin, That men would praise the Lord: the triumph of Protestantism in Nîmes, 1530-1570 (2010)
---, After Calvin: studies in the development of a theological tradition (2003) -- including German Calvinists.
David Steinmetz, Calvin in context (1995)
François Wendel, Calvin: origins and development of his religious thought (1987)
Philip Benedict, Christ's Churches purely reformed: a social history of Calvinism (2002)
Robert Kingdon, Geneva and the Coming of the Wars of Religion in France, 1555-1563 (1956)
---, Geneva and the Consolidation of the French Protestant Movement, 1564-1572 (1967)
William Monter, Calvin's Geneva (1967)

FRANCE
Jean Delumeau, Catholicism Between Luther and Voltaire: a new view of the counter-reformation (1977)
Joseph Bergin, Church, society and religious change in France, 1580-1730 (2009)
William Monter, Judging the French Reformation: heresy trials by 16th-c Parlements (1999)
Philip Hoffman, Church and Community in the Diocese of Lyon, 1500-1784 (1984)
Francis Higman, Censorship and the Sorbonne (1979)

SELFHOOD (IN COMMON)
Valentin Groebner, Who are you? Identification, Deception, and Surveillance in Early Modern
Europe (Cambridge: Zone Books, 2007)
SESSION VI: SCEPTICAL CRISIS AND WARS OF RELIGION

SCEPTICISM, LIBERTINISM, "ATHEISM"
*Richard Popkin, History of skepticism from Erasmus to Spinoza (1979)
Michael Hunter and David Wootton, eds. Atheism from the reformation to the enlightenment (1992), especially intro.
Alan Kors, Atheism in France 1650-1729 (1990)

Rabelais and the problem of unbelief
Lucien Febvre, The problem of unbelief in the 16th-century, the religion of Rabelais (1942; 1982, English); a classic to browse

HISTORICAL THOUGHT
FRANCE:
Primary: Bodin, Method for the easy comprehension of history, chs. 1-3 and browse the rest

GENERAL EUROPE
Peter Burke, Renaissance Sense of the Past (1969)
Lloyd Kramer and Sarah Maza, ed., A Companion to Western Historical Thought (Oxford: Blackwell, 2006), chapters re early modern
George Nadel, "The Philosophy of History before Historicism," History and Theory (1964)
Peter Burke, “America and the Rewriting of World History,” in America in European

POLITICAL THEORY
*Quentin Skinner, The Foundations of Modern Political Thought (1978), vol. 2, part 3 (on Calvinist resistance theory); the rest is excellent too, to read depending on your interests
Frederic Baumgartner, Radical Revolutionaries: the political thought of the French Catholic League (1976)

Primary: Jean Bodin, Six Books of the Commonwealth (1576, Latin 1586; English 1606), facsimile of 1995 includes best biographical overview by Kenneth MacRae; also English abridgment by Tooley.
Jacob Soll, Publishing The Prince: history, reading, & the birth of political criticism (2005)
J.H. Burns, ed., The Cambridge history of political thought 1450-1700 (1991). e.g. article by Peter Burke on tacitism.
Gerhard Oestreich, Neostoicism and the early modern state (1982)
William F. Church, Richelieu and Reason of State (1973)

MONTAIGNE
I.D. MacFarlane and Ian Maclean, eds., Montaigne: essays in memory of Richard Sayce--useful introduction to Montaigne
George Hoffmann, Montaigne's Career (1998)

Primary: Montaigne, Essays. Especially to the reader, I, 31 (Of cannibals); II, 11 (Of cruelty); II, 32 (Defense of Seneca and Plutarch); III, 6 (Of coaches); III, 11 (Of cripples).

FRANCE: WARS OF RELIGION
Barbara Diefendorf, Beneath the Cross: Catholics and Huguenots in 16th-century Paris (1991)
Denis Richet, "Sociocultural aspects of religious conflicts in Paris during the second half of the
Philip Benedict, Rouen during the Wars of Religion (1981)
Denis Crouzet, Dieu en ses royaumes: une histoire des guerres de religion (c2008)
---, Les guerriers de Dieu: la violence au temps des troubles de religion, vers 1525-vers 1610 (1990)
Stuart Carroll, Noble Power during the French Wars of Religion: the Guise Affinity and the Catholic cause in Normandy (1998), esp ch. 7
SESSION VII : POPULAR CULTURE (IN COMMON)

*Peter Burke, Popular Culture in Early Modern Europe (1978) [there’s a third edition by now, I think, though I’m not sure what the additions are]
Alain Boureau, « Une histoire intellectuelle des populations médiévales », Annales HSC 61, 1, 2006, p. 233-244.
Primary: Domenico Scandella, known as Menocchio: his trials before the Inquisition (1996)


*Natalie Zemon Davis, Society and culture in early modern France (1975)--select two articles; themes includes gender, printing, religion
Timothy Chesters, Ghost stories in late Renaissance France: walking by night (2011)

Witchcraft
Mary Wiesner, Witchcraft in early modern Europe (2006)
Robin Briggs, Witches and neighbors: the social and cultural context of European witchcraft (1996)
Jonathan Klaits, Servants of Satan: the age of witch hunts (1985)
Bengt Ankarloo, ed., Early Modern European Witchcraft: centres and peripheries (1990)--good geographical diversity
---, Thinking with demons: the idea of witchcraft in early modern Europe (1997)
Moshe Sluhovsky, Believe not every spirit: possession, mysticism, & discernment in early modern Catholicism (2007)

Popular print culture
*Roger Chartier, “Culture as Appropriation,” in Understanding Popular Culture: Europe from the Middle Ages to the Nineteenth Century, ed. S. Kaplan (1982). Also see the article by Revel in the same volume on elites and popular culture

**Literacy**

**Gender:**
SESSION VIII: SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION

**General:**
Peter Dear, *Revolutionizing the Sciences* (2001)
Alexandre Koyré, *From the closed world to the infinite universe* (1968, c1957)

**On "revolution" and the history of science:**
Thomas Kuhn, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* (1962)
---, "Mathematical vs experimental traditions in the development of physical science" in *The Essential Tension* (1977)

**Copernicus to Newton**
Thomas Kuhn, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* (1962)
---, "Mathematical vs. experimental traditions in the development of physical science" in *The Essential Tension* (1977)
*Kuhn. The Copernican revolution* (1957), ch. 5 on Copernicus' innovation

**Primary:**
*Copernicus, preface to De revolutionibus* (tr. Edward Rosen)
*Mario Biagioli, Galileo Courtier* (1993)

**Bacon and Baconianism**
---, *English Scientific Virtuosi in the 16th and 17th centuries* (UCLA, 1979)
*Charles Webster, The Great Instauration* (1975); summary version in his article in *God and Nature*, ed. Lindberg and Numbers
*Stephen Gaukroger, Francis Bacon and the Transformation of Early Modern Philosophy* (2001)
---, Science and the Shape of Orthodoxy (1995)  

**Life sciences**  
Nancy G Siraisi, Medieval and early Renaissance medicine: an introduction to knowledge and practice (1990)  
Roger French, William Harvey's Natural Philosophy (1994)  
Alix Cooper, Inventing the indigenous: local knowledge and natural history in early modern Europe (2007)

**Artisanal and mercantile practices**  
Pamela Smith and Paula Findlen, Merchants and marvels: commerce, science and art in early modern Europe (2002)  
Paolo Rossi, Philosophy, technology, and the arts in the early modern era. 1970
SESSION VIII FRANCE: ABSOLUTISM UNDER LOUIS XIII

William F. Church, Richelieu and Reason of State (1973)
Elizabeth Marvick, Louis XIII: the Making of a King (1986) [psychohistory]
Geoffrey Treasure, Richelieu and Mazarin (1998)
Joseph Bergin ed., Richelieu and his age (1992)
Sharon Kettering, Patrons, Brokers and Clients in 17th-century France (1986)
Sara Melzer and Kathryn Norberg eds., From the royal to the republican body: incorporating the political in 17th and 18th ct France (1998)
Jeffrey Sawyer, Printed poison: printed propaganda, faction politics and the public sphere in early 17th-century France (1990)
David Parrott, Richelieu’s army: War, government and society in France 1624-42 (2001)

Taxes and finances
---, The limits of absolutism in ancien regime France (1995)
*---, Political Change in France under Richelieu and Mazarin 1624-61 (1978)

Resistances to absolutism
*Yves-Marie Bercé, The History of peasant revolts (1990)

Beyond France
Perez Zagorin, Rebels and Rulers 1500-1660 (1982)
H.G. Koenigsberger, Estates and revolutions (1971)
Geoffrey Parker, The Thirty Years' War (2nd ed. 1997)
---, Empire, war and faith in early modern Europe (2002)
I.A.A.Thompson and Barleme Yun Casalilla, The Castilian Crisis of the 17th Century (1994)
Thomas Dandelet, Spanish Rome, 1500-1700 (2001)
Garrett Mattingly, Renaissance Diplomacy (1955)
Robyn Adams, Rosanna Cox. ed Diplomacy and early modern culture, 2011

**The Fronde—a revolution?**
Christian Jouhaud, Mazarinades: la Fronde des mots (1985), chose one chapter or two.
for a quick overview; see also Knecht, French Renaissance monarchy or a chapter in the Holt edited volume, or in the Descimon and Jouhaud survey.
SESSION IX : 17TH CENTURY CULTURE

New institutions--academies
Roger Hahn, The anatomy of a scientific institution: the Paris Academy of Sciences, 1666-1803 (1971)
Daniel Roche, Le siecle des lumieres en province: academies et academiciens provinciaux 1680-1789 (1978)

New institutions--salons
Carolyn Lougee, Le paradis des femmes: women, salons and social stratification in 17th century France (1976)
Antoine Lilti, Le monde des salons: sociabilité et mondanité à Paris au XVIIIe (2005)

Descartes and Cartesianism
*Cambridge Companion to Descartes: articles by Roger Ariew (Descartes' life in context) and Nicholas Jolley (reception of Descartes)
Desmond Clarke, Descartes: a biography (2006)
Stephen Gaukroger, Descartes: an intellectual biography (1997)
Thomas Lennon, Battle of the Gods and the Giants (1993): on Gassendists vs Cartesians
---, Descartes and the last scholastics (1999) [difficult!]
Garber, Descartes Embodied: Reading Cartesian Philosophy through Cartesian Science (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001)
Erica Harth, Cartesian women: versions and subversions of rational discourse in the old regime
Tad Schmaltz, Radical Cartesianism: The French Reception of Descartes (Cambridge University Press, 2002)
Verbaek, Descartes and the Dutch: Early Reactions to Cartesian Philosophy, 1637-1650 (Carbondale, IL: Southern Illinois University Press, 1992)
Thomas Lenon, The battle of the gods and giants: the legacies of Descartes and Gassendi (1993)
Lynn Sumida Joy, Gassendi, the atomist: advocate of history in an age of science (1992)
Catherine Wilson, Epicureanism at the origins of modernity (2008)

Science and learning:
Peter Dear, Mersenne and the Learning of the Schools (1988)
Peter N. Miller, Peiresc's Europe: Learning and Virtue in the 17th century (2000)
---, "The Crystallization of a New Narrative Form in experimental reports (1660-90)" Science in Context 7 (Summer 1994): 205-44.

Primary:
*Descartes, Discourse on Method
Fontenelle, Conversations on the plurality of worlds

Jansenism
William Doyle, Jansenism: Catholic resistance to authority from the Reformation to the French revolution (2000)
Dale van Kley, The Jansenists and the expulsion of the Jesuits from France 1757-65 (1975)
Lucien Goldmann, The Hidden God (1964)--on Racine and Pascal [a classic, but dated]
Brian Strayer, Suffering saints: Jansenists and Convulsionnaires in France, 1640-1799 (2008) – not very analytical, but useful for the information.
Primary: Blaise Pascal, Pensées, best English edition is by Roger Ariew (Hackett, 2005)

French classical literature
René Pintard, *Le libertinage érudit* (1943)
Alain Viala, *La naissance de l'écrivain: la sociologie de la littérature à l'âge classique* (1985)

primary: Corneille, *Le Cid*
Molière, *Tartuffe* (among many others)

**CONTACT WITH OTHER CULTURES**

---, *Le huguenot et le sauvage* (1990)
---, *Trickster Travels: a sixteenth-century Muslim between worlds* (2006)
Peter Hulme and Tim Youngs eds., *Cambridge Companion to Travel Writing* (2004)

**France and the World**

Marcel Trudel, *The beginnings of New France 1524-1663* (1973)
Allan Greer, *The People of New France* (1997)
Gilles Havard and Cécile Vidal, *Histoire de l’Amérique française* (2003) -- also see Havard’s other works on New France (some in English)

**China**
Michael Ryan, "Assimilating new worlds in the 16 and 17th centuries," *Comparative studies in society and history* (1981), 519-36
Florence Hsia, *Sojourners in a Strange Land: Jesuits and their Scientific Missions in Late Imperial China* (2009)

**General European overseas expansion:**
Glenn Ames, *Colbert, mercantilism and the quest for Asian trade* (1996)
SESSION X INTELLECTUAL: PRE-ENLIGHTENMENT AND THE HAZARD THESIS
*Paul Hazard, The European Mind, 1680–1715 (1935; 1953 in English), only chs. 1-4
Jonathan Israel, Radical Enlightenment: Philosophy and the Making of Modernity 1650-1750 (2001); for a shorter version see: Israel, A revolution of the mind: Radical Enlightenment and the intellectual origins of modern democracy (2010) and also the critical review by J. B. Shank in H-France vol. 2 (2002), no. 26:
http://www.h-france.net/vol2reviews/shank.html
Lewis Beck, Early German Philosophy: Kant and his predecessors (1969) -- starts in late Middle Ages

Quarrel of ancients and moderns
Joseph Levine, Battle of the Books: History and literature of the Augustan Age (1991)

Origins of Enlightenment:
Primary: Pierre Bayle, Historical and Critical Dictionary
Fontenelle, Conversations on the Plurality of Worlds

Biblical Criticism:
Hans W. Frei, The eclipse of biblical narrative: a study in 18th and 19th century hermeneutics (1974) [unusually difficult!]
Peter Byrne, Natural religion and the nature of religion: the legacy of deism (1981)
Travis Frampton, Spinoza and the Rise of Historical Criticism of the Bible (2006)
Political thought
Richard Tuck, *Natural rights theories: their origin and development* (1979)

On Leibniz:
Louis Couturat, *La logique de Leibniz d’après des documents inédits* (1901) – classic study
Leroy Loemker, *Struggle for synthesis: the 17th century background of Leibniz's synthesis of order and freedom* (1972)
SESSION X FRANCE: LOUIS XIV

*William Beik, "The absolutism of Louis xiv as social collaboration," (a review essay) Past and Present (2005), 195-224;
*Peter Burke, The Fabrication of Louis XIV (1992)
Lionel Rothkrug, Opposition to Louis XIV; the political and social origins of the French Enlightenment (1965)
Pierre Goubert, Louis XIV and Twenty Million Frenchmen (1966- French, 1970- English) [general history, esp. political]
Nancy Mitford, The Sun King (1966)
William Beik, Absolutism and society in 17th century France: state power and provincial aristocracy in Languedoc (1985)
---, Power and faction in Louis XIV’s France (1988)

Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie, Saint-Simon and the court of Louis XIV (2001); "Versailles observed: the court of Louis XIV in 1709" in The Mind and Method of the Historian (1978), 149-73
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