

# HST 101 (Western Civ: Ancient and Classical)

## Possible Topics

You are not restricted to these topics. This list represents topics students have done in the past. You must choose a focused, specific topic and one that goes beyond information in the textbook (you must consult several outside sources---I will give you guidelines on finding good historical sources). ***Make sure that you contact me with a Blackboard message on your choice of topic so that your topic can be added to the "taken" list. Just run a new topic by me to make sure it fits within the parameters of this class.*** These topics are arranged in rough chronological order:

Gobekli Tepe

Stonehenge

Other ancient Monoliths

The Ice Man (Otsi)

The Epic of Gilgamesh

Development of Cuneiform

Egyptian mummification

Ancient Egyptian Mathematics

An Individual Pharaoh, Examples: Ramses II; Amenhotep; Hatshepsut (a female pharaoh)

Theories of the Sphinx

Anubis

Cats in Ancient Egypt

Celtic warfare

Celtic Religion

Celtic art

Palace at Knossos

The end of Crete

Heinrich Schliemann's discovery of Troy and Mycenae

The Phoenician Alphabet

Archeology of Jerusalem

The Acropolis

Greek Architecture

One of the Greek gods: Zeus, Athena, etc.

Spartan Women

The Trial of Socrates

The Olympic Games

Battle of Marathon

The Peloponnesian War

Alexander the Great

Scientific discoveries of the Ancient Greeks

Ionian Rationalist philosophers

The Science of Aristotle

Alexandria

Ancient Roman Baths

Aqueducts

The Lost Legions of Varus

The Coliseum

Hannibal

The Assassination of Julius Caesar

Battle of Actium

Hadrian's Wall

Gladiators

Spartacus

The Last Roman Emperor: Romulus Augustulus

The Last Days of Rome

The End of the Western Roman Empire

The Dead Sea Scrolls

The Gnostic Gospels

The Catacombs

The role of women in early Christianity

Barbarian Invasions of Roman Empire

Constantine

Germanic Queens

Constantinople

Empress Theodora

Hagia Sophia

Vikings

The Vikings in Ireland

Charles Martel

Charlemagne

St. Benedict

Muslim Conquest of Spain

The Allahambra

Cordoba

Women in early Islam