The required texts below represent key interventions in the history of political thought spanning from the Ancients to the twentieth century. While this list is by no means exhaustive, students seeking qualification in political theory should display a thorough knowledge of these texts as well as the interpretive and theoretical debates they have inaugurated. Students are encouraged to consult faculty about helpful secondary sources for these authors. The appendix to this list provides a broader list of authors and texts to help you in your studying.

1. Plato, *Republic*
2. Aristotle, *Politics*
3. Cicero, *On the Commonwealth* and *On the Laws*
4. Augustine, *City of God*, books IV, 3–4; V, 24; VIII, 1–11; XIV, 28; XV, 1–5; XIX, 4–22, 25–28; XX, 1–2
5. Machiavelli, *The Prince* and *The Discourses on Livy*
7. Locke, *Second Treatise of Government* and *A Letter Concerning Toleration*
8. Rousseau, *Second Discourse* (Discourse on the Origin of Inequality) and *Of the Social Contract*
10. Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*
11. Kant, the selections in *Toward Perpetual Peace and Other Writings*, ed. Kleingeld
12. Hegel, *The Philosophy of Right*
13. Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*
   [the selections in *The Marx-Engels Reader* or McLellan’s *Selected Writings* are sufficient]
15. Mill, *On Liberty* and *The Subjection of Women*
17. DuBois, *The Souls of Black Folk*
18. Weber, “Science as a Vocation” and “Politics as a Vocation”
20. Schmitt, *Concept of the Political* and *Political Theology*
21. Arendt, *The Human Condition*
23. Foucault, *Discipline and Punish*
24. Okin, *Justice, Gender, and the Family*
26. Young, *Justice and the Politics of Difference*
APPENDIX

The following lists provide a wider view of central texts in political theory. While not required for the exam, we encourage students to consult these texts in their studying and to pursue coursework that will expose you to these works.

PART 1
Texts that provide an overview of the history of political thought and contemporary theory

Sabine, *A History of Political Theory*
Wolin, *Politics as Vision*
Strauss & Cropsey, *History of Political Philosophy*
Pocock, *The Machiavellian Moment: Florentine Political Thought and the Atlantic Republican Tradition*
Skinner, *The Foundations of Modern Political Thought*
Okin, *Women in Western Political Thought*
Benhabib, *Critique, Norm & Utopia*
Dryzek, Honig, and Phillips, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Political Theory*

PART 2
Supplementary Texts in the History of Political Thought

Sophocles, *Antigone*
Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*
Plato, *Apology; Crito; Laws*
Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*
Cicero, *On Duties [De Officiis]*
Aquinas, Selections from *Summa Theologica* in *On Law, Morality, and Politics*, trans. Richard J. Regan, ed. William P. Baumgarth and Richard J. Regan (2nd ed.) ST I-II, Questions 90-95 (pp. 10-59) I-II, Q. 96-97 (pp. 59-75); Q. 105 A. 1 (pp. 93-96); II-II Q. 57 A. 2-3 (pp. 100-103); Q. 40 A. 1 (pp. 164-167); Q. 64 A. 6-7 (pp. 167-71); Q. 104 A. 5-6 (pp. 182-185); Q. 42 A. 2 (pp. 188-189)
More, *Utopia*
Luther and Calvin, *Luther and Calvin on Secular Authority*, ed. Höpfl
Montaigne, “Of Cannibals”; “Of Cruelty”
Grotius, *The Rights of War and Peace*, ed. Tuck, Prolegomena [Preliminary Discourse]; Book I: chs. 1, 2 (sections 1-4); Book II: chs. 1, 22, 24, 25; Book III: ch. 1 (sections 1-5 only), and chs. 7, 8, and 25
Spinoza, *Theologico-Political Treatise*
Montesquieu, *Persian Letters; Spirit of the Laws*
PART 3
Supplementary Texts in Twentieth Century and Contemporary Theory

Weber, The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism; “The Types of Legitimate Domination”
Schmitt, Crisis of Parliamentary Democracy
Dewey, The Public and its Problems
Freud, Civilization and its Discontents
James, The Black Jacobins
Horkheimer and Adorno, Dialectic of Enlightenment
Beauvoir, Second Sex
Arendt, Origins of Totalitarianism; On Revolution
Fanon, Black Skin/White Masks; Wretched of the Earth
Strauss, Natural Right and History
Wolin, “Political Theory as a Vocation” and “Fugitive Democracy” in Fugitive Democracy and other Essays
Nozick, Anarchy, State, Utopia
Lukes, Power: A Radical View
Walzer, Just and Unjust Wars; Spheres of Justice
Jameson, “Reification and Utopia in Mass Culture”
Foucault, History of Sexuality, vol. 1
Pateman, The Sexual Contract
Zizek, The Sublime Object of Ideology
Shklar, “The Liberalism of Fear”; The Faces of Injustice
Butler, *Gender Trouble*
Rawls, *Political Liberalism; The Law of Peoples*
Mouffe, *The Return of the Political*
Mills, *The Racial Contract*
Scott, *Conscripts of Modernity*