HIST 375: Global Antisemitism

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Course Description

Eli Wiesel, Holocaust survivor, Nobel peace laureate, and lifelong advocate for human rights, famously declared that "hatred might begin with the Jews, but it never ends with Jews." Wiesel's statement highlights both the urgency to study and expose the scourge of Jew-hatred, Judeophobia, Anti-Judaism, and antisemitism, and the need to combat the longest hatred as instrumental in the fight against prejudice, bigotry, racism, and injustice.

Once considered marginal in the United States, political movements and individuals

espousing antisemitism have moved into the headlines in recent years. According to data released by the ADL (Anti-Defamation League), Jewish communities are experiencing near historic levels of antisemitism. Across the six-state Midwest Region alone (Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) 2016-2018 saw a 110% increase in anti-Semitic incidents – a disturbing trend that is reflected in a resurgence of antisemitism nationally and globally. Attempts by policy-makers and activists to identify and combat antisemitism, whether in the streets, across social media spaces, or on college campuses, are often hampered by a lack of knowledge about the history of the phenomenon. On the other hand, academic scholarship by historians sometimes suffers from a lack of attention to its contemporary manifestations. This course therefore aims to build a rigorous conception of antisemitism as a set of strangely persistent ideas across time and space and equip students with the tools to expose and confront the longest hatred in its contemporary manifestations.

Course Objectives

By reading both classic and recent literature devoted to the phenomenon in multiple contexts (geographic and chronological) as well as several canonical anti-Semitic texts, we will seek to understand the origins, major themes, continuities and changes, and surprising endurance of antisemitism. You will:

- Practice reading difficult works of scholarship on Antisemitism
- Gain mastery over the historical problem of Antisemitism

- Learn to use historical thinking to address and expose contemporary Antisemitism
- Conduct fieldwork on Antisemitism and devise a survey analyzing antisemitism on college campuses

Required Readings

- 1. Helmut Walser Smith, The Butcher's Tale: Murder and Antisemitism in a German Town (W.W. Norton, 2003)
- Articles and book chapters as well as various primary sources posted on moodle

Requirements

- Reflective Essays respond to specific questions
- Survey analyzing Antisemitism on campus (collaborative)–
 create a questionnaire in consultation with the JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas) and the Office of Diversity
- 3. Research paper on aspects of contemporary Antisemitism identify a contemporary Anti-Semitic trope in any one of the following: speech, cartoon, meme, story, post, poster; explain its history and current context/significance or propose a topic you are passionate about

Course Goals and Outcomes

This course on Antisemitism will provide you with the following opportunities to learn to think like a historian, by developing skills and methods of historical analysis (numbers= goals, bullet points=outcomes):

- 1. You will engage in historical inquiry, research, analysis, and interpretation, by:
 - Supporting assertions with evidence.
 - Exploring the complexity of the human experience, across time and space.
 - Evaluating a variety of historical sources for their credibility and perspective.
 - Reading and contextualizing materials from the past.
 - Exploring multiple historical & theoretical viewpoints that provide perspective on the past.
- 2. You will practice historical empathy, by:
 - Developing historical knowledge with range and depth.
 - Recognizing the ongoing provisional nature of knowledge.
 - Interpreting the past in context; contextualizing the past on its own terms.
 - Recognizing where you are in history.
- 3. You will understand the complex nature of the historical record, by:
 - Distinguishing between primary and secondary materials and deciding when to use each.

- Choosing among multiple tools, methods, and perspectives to investigate and interpret materials from the past and the present.
- Recognizing the value of conflicting narratives and evidence.
- 4. You will generate significant, open-ended questions about the past and devising research strategies to answer them, by:
 - Developing a methodological practice of gathering, sifting, analyzing, ordering, synthesizing, and interpreting evidence.
 - Identifying and summarizing scholars' historical arguments and applying them to contemporary problems.
- 5. You will craft historical narrative and argument, by:
 - Generating a historical argument that is reasoned and based on historical evidence selected, arranged, and analyzed.
 - Understanding that the ethics and practice of history mean recognizing and building on other scholars' work, peer review, and citation.
 - Developing self-awareness and understanding of your own responsibility to identify and confront antisemitism
- 6. You will practice historical thinking as central to engaged citizenship, by
 - Engaging a diversity of viewpoints in a civil and constructive fashion.
 - Working collaboratively to develop positions that reflect deliberation and differing perspectives.
 - Applying historical knowledge and analysis to contemporary social dialogue and/or community projects.

Grading

Assignment	Points
7 Reflective Essays @ 10 pts	70
Survey – qualitative and quantitative sections	30
Lab work	50
Research Paper	30
Proposal	10
Bibliography	10
Annotated Bibliography and thesis	20
Discussion (see participation rubric)	<u>80</u>
Total	300

Grading Scale

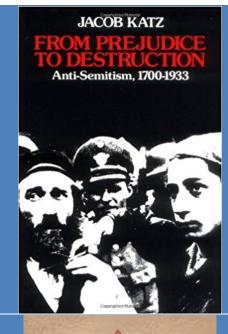
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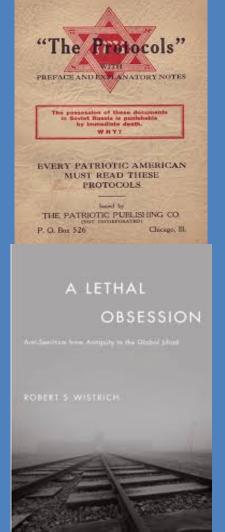
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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	1-2	Introduction to Course
	F 1/8	CNN Poll on Antisemitism in Europe, 2018
	/0	Young Jewish Europeans: Perceptions and Experiences
		of Antisemitism 2019
Steven Beller		Why the Jews? Film on USHMM:
ANTISEMITISM		https://www.ushmm.org/antisemitism/what-is-
A Very Short Introduction		antisemitism/why-the-jews-history-of-antisemitism
	M 1/11	What is Antisemitism? Toward a Definition
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		in Global Antisemitism: A Crisis of Modernity, 77-81.
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(circumia trimia) OXFORD		Kenneth L. Marcus, "The Definition of Antisemitism,"
Copulation theory		in GA: 97-109. [PDF]
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		GA: 69-75. [PDF]
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	W 1/13	P.S. <u>Department of State Definition of Antisemitism</u>
		P.S. International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance
		(IHRA)
		https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/resources/w
		orking-definitions-charters/working-definition-
THE		<u>antisemitism</u>
DEFINITION		Steven Beller, Antisemitism: A Very Short Introduction,
OF		Chapters 1 and 2. [PDF]
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SEMITISM	F 1/15	Chapters 3 and 4. [PDF]
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		Ben Halpern, "What is Antisemitism?," Modern
		Judaism: 251-262. [PDF]
		Smith, "The Social Construction of Enemies: Jews and
		the Representation of Evil," Sociological Theory 203-40.
		[PDF]
		Natan Sharansky, "3D Test of Anti-Semitism:
		Demonization, Double Standards, Delegitimization,"
		Jewish Political Studies Review 16:3-4 (2004). [PDF]
400101111111		https://www.jcpa.org/phas/phas-sharansky-f04.htm
ASSIGNMENT	Due	Submit a 3-page reflective essay (#1) on the question
	1/18	"What is Antisemitism?"

THE INVENTION OF RACISM IN CLASSICAL ANTIQUITY Benjamin Isaac	WEEK 3 M 1/18 W 1/20 F 1/22	Judeophobia in the Pagan, early Christian and Islamic worlds MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY – no class Benjamin Isaac, The Invention of Racism in Classical Antiquity, chapter 13, pp. 440-500. [e-book] David Nirenberg, "Early Christianity: The Road to Emmaus, The Road to Damascus," 48-86. In Anti-Judaism: The Western Tradition. David Nirenberg, "The Early Church: Making Sense of the World in Jewish Terms," 87-134 PS: St. John Chrysostom
	M 1/25	David Nirenberg, "'To Every Prophet an Adversary': Jewish Enmity in Islam," 135-182.
ASSIGNMENT	Due 1/27	Submit a 3-page reflective essay (#2) on the characteristics of Anti-Judaism in the Pagan, Early Christian, and Islamic worlds
Council mayir	WEEK	From Anti-Judaism to Antisemitism in the Middle
Golds Growth Competition of Competition Co	4 W 1/27	Ages and the early Modern World David Biale, Blood and Belief: The Circulation of a Symbol between Jews and Christians, 88-122. PS: Chazan, Robert, and Mazal Holocaust Collection. 1997. Medieval Stereotypes and Modern Antisemitism. [Selections.] PS: The Libel of Ritual Murder in Gloucester, 1168.
	F 1/29	Helmut Walser Smith, <i>The Butcher's Tale</i> , chapter 3, 91-134. PS: Jacob Rader Marcus, <i>The Jew in the Medieval World:</i> A Source Book: 315-1791, 121-141; 151-158. [Selections.] Cohn, "The Black Death and the Burning of Jews," 3-36. [PDF] PS: Jacob von Königshofen, 1349
ASSIGNMENT	Due	Submit a 3-page reflective essay (#3) on the origins and spread of the Ritual Murder charge and the blame







German Völkisch Antisemitism WEEK 7 The Jew as Cultural Danger: Katz, From Prejudice to Destruction, chapter 13 "The M 2/15 Scandal of the Jewish artist: Richard Wagner," [PDF] PS: Richard Wagner, "Judaism in Music," 1850, 1869 Katz, From Prejudice to Destruction, chapters 20 and 21, W 2/17 "The Incubation,", "The Crystallization" [PDF]

PS: Hermann Ahlwardt, "The Jews versus the Germans," 1895; Konstantin von Gebsattel, "The Jewish Threat," 1913

LAB: class work on questionnaire "Survey on F 2/19 Antisemitism" - collect data and surveys Anti-Semitic Case Studies -

8 Austria - Antisemitism in Daily Life

WEEK

Secklehner, "Bolshevik Jews, Aryan Vienna? Popular Antisemitism in 'Der Kikeriki,' 1918-33, 1-22. [PDF] $M_{2/22}$ Germany

> Karin Stögner, "'We are the new Jews!' and "The Jewish Lobby' – antisemitism and the construction of a national identity by the Austrian Freedom Party." [PDF]

PS: Antisemitic Postcards from G, F, and GB

W 2/24 France - The Dreyfus Affair

<u>History Channel Documentary, "The Infamous Dreyfus</u> Affair" (42 min)

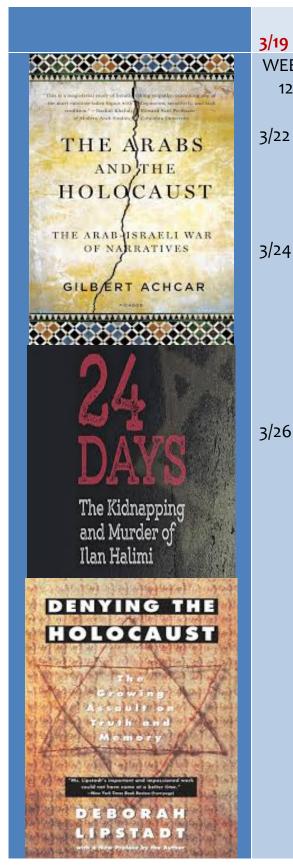
Hyman, "New Perspectives on the Dreyfus Affair," Historical Reflections (2005): 335-349. [PDF] Varat, "Dreyfus in America," Shofar 37 (2019): 35-59. [PDF]

Katz, From Prejudice to Destruction, chapter 24, "French Antisemitism" [PDF]

PS: Edouard Drumont, "Jewish France," 1886; The Henry Monument, "The Jews ... are the vampires of France," 1898-99; Theodore Herzl, The Jewish State, 1896.

F 2/26 Russia - Pogroms and continuities in antisemitism Khiterer, "The October 1905 pogroms and the Russian authorities, "Nationalities Papers (2015); Bemporad,

		"Jews and the Blood Libel Specter under Stalinism," Jewish History 26 (2012): 343-361. [PDF]
		PS: The Kishinev Pogrom, Easter 1903;
		The Protocols of the Elders of Zion
ASSIGNMENT	F 2/26	Submit a 3-page reflective essay (#5) on one of the
		case studies (Austria, France, or Russia) and evaluate the nature of antisemitism
SPRING RECESS	WEEK	2/27 – 3/7 SPRING RECESS
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HELMUT WALSER SMITH	WEEK	Murder and Antisemitism in a German Town – The
THE	10	Butcher's Tale
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TALE	3/8	See hand-out
MURDER AND ANTI-SEMITISM		
IN A GERMAN TOWN "An absorbing as a mystery nevel", a stimulating, the state of th		Nazi Genocidal Antisemitism
A A American American	3/10	Saul Friedländer, "Nazi Germany and the Jews, Vol. 1, chapter 3: Redemptive Antisemitism
DE THE PARTY OF TH	51.0	PS: Adolf Hitler, "Why are we Antisemites?" 1920
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JACOB KATZ	3/12	PS: Julius Streicher, Jews as International Conspirators and Ritual Murderers," 1930s; Ernst Hiemer, "Der
FROM PREJUDICE)ı ·-	Giftpilz," 1938; Antisemitic Indoctrination of the
Anti-Semitism, 1700-1933		German Soldier, "Jews and Bolsheviks as Devils," 1941-
		43; Rudolf Höss, Commandant of Auschwitz: On the
		Necessity to Murder Jewish Children: Assembly Line Mass Murder, 1946
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	3/12	Submit Research Proposal
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SAHRAN FOER	J. J	Reconciliation in Jonathan Safran Foer's Everything is
MINNIE ALLO		Illuminated," 39-47.



3/19 Submit preliminary bibliography

WEEK Post-World War II Antisemitism

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Ruth R. Wisse, "On Ignoring Antisemitism," in Those Who Forget the Past: The Question of Antisemitism, 189-207.

Cohen, "How France became a dangerous place to be a Jew," NYT (April 2019)

24 Days - The Kidnapping and Murder of Ilan Halimi

Holocaust Denial

Robert Jan Van Pelt, "Excerpt from The Case for Auschwitz, The Influence of Literary Theory on the Origins of Holocaust Denial," in Those Who Forget the Past, 385-396. [PDF]

<u>David Irving</u>, <u>Holocaust denier</u>, <u>claims fresh support</u>, <u>The Guardian (2017)</u>

Anchcar, "Assessing Holocaust Denial in Western and Arab Contexts," *Journal of Palestine Studies* Vol. 41, No. 1 (Autumn 2011): 82-95. [PDF]

3/26 Antisemitism in the Muslim World

Melanie Phillips, "The New Antisemitism," in Those Who Forget the Past: The Question of Antisemitism, 251-257. [PDF]

Eli Muller, "Necessary Evils," in Those Who Forget the Past: The Question of Antisemitism, 267-270. [PDF]

PS: Hamas Charter; ADL, Tehran Spreads more
Antisemitism

David Patterson, A Genealogy of Evil: Anti-Semitism from Nazism to Islamic Jihad (Cambridge, 2010) [select readings]

Mohammed Dajani, Combatting Antisemitism in the Muslim World: Barakat, Zeina. "A Palestinian Student Defends Her Visit to Auschwitz." *The Atlantic* (April 28, 2014).

http://www.theatlantic.com/internatioal/archive/2014/04/a-palestinian-student-defends-her-visit-toauschwitz/361311/(accessed 02.10.2015).

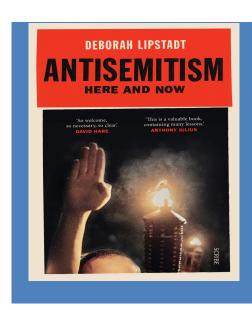
Dajani bio (Washington Institute of Near Eastern Studies):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3_U_A4nZgo
Dajani Daoudi, Mohammed, and Satloff, Robert. "Why
Palestinians Should Learn About the

ANTI- SEMITISM IN AMERICA LEONARD DINNERSTEIN	3/26 WEEK 13 3/29	Submit a 3-page reflective essay (#6) on the role of Holocaust denial and conspiracy theories in postworld war II antisemitism in the West and the Middle East Antisemitism in America - American White Supremacists Dinnerstein, Anti-Semitism in America, chapters 5, 6, and 7 Berlet, "Overview of U.S. White Supremacist Groups," Journal of Political and Military Sociology 34,1 (2006): 11-48. [PDF] Jeffrey Herf, "Comparative perspectives on anti-Semitism, radical anti-Semitism in the Holocaust and American white racism," [PDF] Weisman, (((Semitism))) Being Jewish in America in the Age of Trump, selections.
EASTER RECESS	4/2 - 4/5	Distribute questionnaire (quantitative) and also conduct interviews (qualitative) with at least 6 family members and/or friends between 4/9-4/15



	4/14 DUE	Submit annotated bibliography for research paper plus thesis statement
NOT YOUR FATHER'S ANTISEMITISM HATRED OF THE JEWS IN THE 2IST CENTURY EDITED BY MICHAEL BEREPRAUM	WEEK 16 4/16	Pop Culture, Internet, and Antisemitism: L'Affair Dieudonné M'bala M'bala – Tom Reiss, Laugh Riots: The French star who became a demagogue, The New Yorker (2007) https://www.dailymotion.com/video/xb3moy https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2b79yj Sturtevant, Science fiction's antisemitism problem (2018) Grisar, "Yes, Scifi has an AntiSemitism Problem - but not the one you think (2018) HipHop: Jay-Z https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ktd8lll2qA Dark side of Rap in Germany: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yl6fy-475Bo Rachel Myrow, "No Lone Shooter: How Antisemitism is winning new converts on the internet The California Report (2019) Patrick Kingsley, "Antisemitism is Back from the Left, Right, and Islamist Extreme-Why?" NYT (2019) Twitter, Politics and Antisemitism Tobin, "Ilhan Omar's antisemitism wins the pop culture primary," JNS (2019) Antisemitism in the time of Coronavirus by Antisemitism Policy Trust [PDF 2020] Coronavirus and the Plague of Antisemitism by CST Research Briefing [PDF 2020] Tutorials for research paper
ASSIGNMENT	4/21	Submit a 3-page reflective essay (#7) on Pop culture and the ubiquitous nature of Antisemtism



WEEK 17

4/23 4/26

Present and discuss findings of survey in class

FINAL

Submit 10-page Research paper

PARTICIPATION:

Class attendance (whether in-class or virtually) is expected. Class discussion is a central feature of this course. You need to complete the assigned readings <u>before</u> each class. Your preparation is essential and your contribution to discussions will be carefully noted and counted toward your overall performance in this class. The lectures are designed to constitute an important feature of the course and provide the parameters for the essay questions on the quizzes. You are thus expected to attend class regularly. You are also expected to make your own arrangements to receive any notes for any lectures you may miss. I am willing, though, to discuss any questions with you that might arise as a result of a missed class. <u>Students involved in athletic, forensic or music-related activities need to inform the instructor prior to missing a class in order to make arrangements for alternate testing, if necessary.</u>

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Plagiarizing and cheating are serious academic offenses and will not be tolerated. You are expected to do your own work, to acknowledge all sources used and to write your own assignments. If you are uncertain what constitutes plagiarism or cheating, please refer to the College's Handbook on Academic Integrity handbooks/student-handbook/academic-policies/ or consult with me. "If a student violates academic integrity in an assignment for credit, the instructor has the option of assigning any grade for that assignment, including a failing grade ('F') or 'o' (no credit)." Note that repeated violation of academic integrity will automatically result in failure in this course. All violations will be reported to the Office of Academic Affairs.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Concordia College and your instructor are committed to making reasonable accommodations to assist individuals with documented disabilities to reach their academic potential. Such disabilities include, but are not limited to, learning or psychological disabilities, or impairments to health, hearing, sight, or mobility. If you believe you require accommodations for a disability that may impact your performance in this course, you must schedule an appointment with Disability Services to determine eligibility. Students are then responsible for giving instructors a letter from Disability Services indicating the type of accommodation to be provided; please note that accommodations will not be retroactive. The Disability Services office is in Old Main 109A, phone 218-299-

3514; https://cobbernet.cord.edu/directories/offices-services/counseling-center-disability-services/

STATEMENT ON MENTAL HEALTH:

Concordia College urges you to make yourself–your own health and well-being–your priority throughout this semester. It is important to recognize stressors you may be facing, which might be personal, emotional, physical, financial, mental, or academic. Sleep, exercise, balanced nutrition and connecting with others are great strategies to help you flourish at Concordia. If you are having difficulties maintaining your well-being, feel free to contact me and/or pursue other campus resources, such as Counseling Center. Contact the Counseling Center to learn more, at counseling@cord.edu, (218) 299-3514, or stop in Lower Level, Old Main, room 109A. All appointments are free and confidential.

CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICY AY 2020/21

"Class" includes in-person, hybrid, blended, and virtual classes, whether offered synchronously or asynchronously. Students must follow the campus policies for isolation, quarantine, and behavior as described in the Cobber Commitment*. These policies are meant to insure the well-being and safety of all members of the campus community. 1. If the daily health screen indicates that you should stay home, stay home. This includes those who are ill, showing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19. Stay home and alert campus Health Services. 2. Students who are ill, quarantining due to COVID exposure, self-isolating or caring for sick family members have an obligation to communicate with faculty about their class absence in a timely fashion and verify that faculty have received the message. 3. Faculty should make reasonable virtual attendance accommodations for students who are in isolation or quarantine, but not seriously ill, to keep regularly engaged with the course. 4.Students who are unable to attend class in person due to self-isolation, quarantine or caring for sick family members are expected to participate in class virtually and complete coursework remotely, as agreed upon with the course instructor. Students who find it difficult to complete course work are expected to contact the faculty member and the Center for Student Success (success@cord.edu). Students who have technology issues are expected to contact ITS (pcsupport@cord.edu). 5.Students should not be penalized for missing class due to illness, isolation, guarantine or caring for sick family members but are obligated to be proactive in pursuing arrangements to complete missed course work. Faculty have an obligation to provide these students with an equivalent assignment, a replacement assignment, or adjust the course grading, as determined by the faculty member. "Assignments" include anything that applies to the final grade, including participation grades.6. Faculty who choose to use participation grades should be open to different forms of participation from students who are participating remotely, including, but not limited to, video, audio, and chat participation. Faculty will describe these alternatives in the syllabus or relevant assignment, as circumstances dictate. 7.Faculty should monitor attendance. They should report concerns about student attendance and performance in the usual manner, by

issuing an Early Alert through SSC (Student Success Collaborative), as well as conferring directly with students about their attendance and/or performance.8. Students with a concern about a course should first communicate with that professor, then with the department chair or program director. 9. Students and faculty are reminded that health concerns are confidential and subject to nondiscrimination policies as described in the Cobber Commitment*.

PARTICIPATION RUBRIC

	Deficient (0-5)	Competent (6-8)	Excellent (9-10)
Preparation (20): Reading (10) Argument (10)	- Insufficient attention to reading - little evidence of attempts to formulate questions	- close reading of most of the material - you have some questions about the reading	 you have read the materials critically and actively (important passages highlighted) you have prepared for the seminar by identifying a central question and formulated some provisional response to it
Listening(20): Reflection (10) Engagement (10)	-Not actively listening - little to no engagement with peers	 you listen carefully to the instructor's comments you respond to questions when asked 	- you constantly grapple with questions and comments by other classmates - you engage with peers by responding to their ideas and recasting them
Speaking (20): Discussion/Focus (10) Questions/ Reflective (10)	- rarely asks questions - seldom comments and only when directed by instructor	- frequent contributions - contributions are focused - some attempts to articulate connections between different viewpoints	- shares thoughts and thinking process by engaging others - asks for clarification - evaluates how other people's arguments relate to own question and hypothesis
Leadership (20): Initiative (10) Collaborative (10)	- none	- helps the flow of the discussion - Is respectful toward others	- actively orients discussion to reach new insights - helps create scholarly community through engagement and consideration for others