

CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION 348

DAILY LIFE IN ANCIENT EGYPT

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Texts: ERMAN, Adolph LIFE IN ANCIENT EGYPT (Dover, 1971)

 MONTET, Pierre EVERYDAY LIFE IN EGYPT
 IN THE DAYS OF RAMESSES THE GREAT
 (University of Pennsylvania, 1996)

Course Description: This is a new addition to our courses on Ancient Egypt. It will study the essential questions we ask of a foreign culture: What were Egyptian homes like? How did people dress? What food did they eat? Did they have cavities? How did they practice sanitation? What stories did they tell? Do we have any love letters from old Egypt? What did a man offer a god when he was praying for his hearing to be restored, or to raise his testosterone level? What can we learn about the Egyptians' view of women? Where did they fit in mythology, in society? In what professions do we find them? Could they lead armies and be queen? How was contraception practiced? How big WAS the Nile perch? Did they eat catfish and tilapia? If aliens didn't build the pyramids, who did? What was Egyptian beer like? – everybody drank it, even children! These questions, and many others like them, will entertain us this semester. Our textbooks offer us a unique opportunity to compare the research conducted in the first century of Egyptology in Germany, and then, closer to our own time, the archaeological work performed by French scholars.

Grading: The + and – system will be in effect in CC 348. A will be 92-100; A- will be 89.5-91; B+ will be 88-89; B, 82-87; B-, 79.5-81; C+, 77-79; C, 72-76; C-, 69.5-71; D+, 67-69; D, 62-66; D-, 59.5-61.

The grade will be made up of the following activities: 4 Quizzes (their average will count for 25% of the final grade); 2 Hour Exams, counting 25% each; a research paper of your choice, counting 25% of the final mark.

Excused Absences: Please let me know if there will be a conflict between your personal calendar and our class schedule (e.g. a track meet or baseball game). If you become sick and have to visit the doctor, presentation of evidence for your visit will entitle you to a makeup test. Religious holidays will excuse you from any test.

Dishonesty: Cheating on a test will cause you to receive a zero on that test.

CLASS MEETINGS

- W Jan. 23 Introduction to the course
- F Jan. 25 National Geographic documentary of opening passageways in the Great Pyramid and the archaeological uncovering of the "Workmen's Village" at Giza (part 1)
- M Jan. 28 National Geographic filming of opening passageways in the Great Pyramid and the archaeological uncovering of the "Workmen's Village" (part 2)
- W Jan. 30 Review of the film and of early Egypt: (1) the Step Pyramid of King Djoser, Dynasty III, 2650 BC, and the historical identity of IMHOTEP; (2) the construction of the Great Pyramid of Giza, Dynasty IV, 2500 - 2450 BC (?). KHUFU and HEM IUNU.
- F Feb. 1 ERMAN, pp. 77-101: Conditions under the Old Empire.
- M Feb. 4 Review of the Middle Kingdom and New Kingdom, ERMAN, pp. 102-129
- W Feb. 6 MONTET, pp. 9-30. Dwelling Places: Cities, Palaces, Houses, Furniture. The city plan of AKHET-ATEN (New Kingdom, Dynasty XVIII. 1300's BC

F Feb. 8 FREE DAY

M Feb. 11 ERMAN, pp.167-199: The House

W Feb. 13 MONTET, pp. 31-44. Time.

F Feb. 15 **First Quiz.** MONTET, pp. 45-68. The Family: Marriage,
Wife, Children, Servants/Slaves, Pets. **A famous love –letter!**

M Feb. 18 ERMAN, pp. 150-166. Family Life

W Feb. 20 ERMAN, pp. 200-233. Dress and Style

F Feb. 22 MONTET, pp. 68-102. Life at Home: Toilet, Dress, Food, Cooking,
Baking, Drink, Meals, Dusk and Evening, Banquets, Games.

M Feb. 25 ERMAN, pp. 234-258. Recreation

W Feb.27 MONTET, pp. 103-132. Country Life

F March 1 ERMAN, pp. 425-445 Agriculture

M March 4 **Second Quiz.** MONTET, pp. 133-168. Arts and the Professions:
Quarrymen, Miners, Workshops, Sculptors, Goldsmiths,
Jewellers, Woodworking, Leather, Artists and Craftsmen,
Masons, Patrons and Workers, Business and Finance.

W March 6 ERMAN, pp. 446-478 Arts and Crafts

F March 8 ERMAN, pp. 397-424 The Plastic Arts

M March 11 MONTET, pp. 169-191. Travel: Inside Egypt, In the Desert, to Byblos (Lebanon); Voyages in the Red Sea, to Punt.

W March 13 ERMAN, pp. 479-519. Traffic and Trade.

F March 15 Class Cancelled

SPRING BREAK (week March 18 – 22)

M March 25 REVIEW FOR MID-TERM EXAM

W March 27 MID-SEMESTER EXAMINATION

F March 29 MONTET, pp. 192-221 The Life of the Pharaoh: Duties, Toilet, Work, Royal Pardons, Giving Rewards, Foreign Ambassadors, Sports, Hunts, Private Life, Harem, Meditations

M April 1 ERMAN, pp. 53-78 The King and his Court

W April 3 MONTET, pp. 222-251 The Army and Warfare: the Military Career, Service inside of Egypt, the Army in Wartime, the Collecting of Weapons, the Order of the March, the Battle, Siege Warfare, Warfare in Nubia, Triumphal Return.

F April 5 ERMAN, pp. 520-550. War.

M April 8 Famous Battles, Dynasty XVII: Kamose, Ahhotep, Ahmose, and Ahmose Son of Ibana vs. the Hyksos; Dynasrty XVIII (New Kingdom): Tutmosis I and Ahmose, Son of Ibana, vs. the King of Kerma (1500's BC), Tutmosis III at Armageddon (Megidodo) (1400's BC); Dynasty XIX Ramesses II at Kadesh; Dynasty XX, Ramesses III vs. the Sea Peoples

W April 10 **Third Quiz.** MONTET, pp. 252-273. Scribes and Judges: Administration, Recruitment and Training of Officials, Magistrates, Maintaining Public Order, the Law Courts

F April 12 ERMAN, pp. 130-149. The Police and the Courts of Justice

M April 15 The Workmen's Village at DEIR EL-MEDINA

W April 17 ERMAN, pp. 369-396. Literature.

F April 19 MONTET, pp. 274-299. In the Temples: Piety, the Priesthood, Cult + Worship, the God's Public Appearances, Min, the Opet, Festival of the Valley, Mysteries, the House of Life

M April 22 Film: "Women Pharaohs". The "Wives of God"

W April 24 Women in Egypt (Lecture).

F April 26 **Fourth Quiz.** ERMAN, pp. 259-305. Religion

M April 29 ERMAN, pp. 306-327. The Dead.

W May 1 MONTET, pp. 300-330. The Rites of Burial: Old Age, Weighing the Heart, Preparation of the Tomb, the KA-Priest and his Duties, Mummification, the Funeral – Composition of the Cortège, Crossing the Nile, the Ascent to the Tomb, Farewell to the Mummy, the Funeral Feast, Relationship of the Living and the Dead.

F May 3 TERM PAPERS ARE DUE! Film: “The Book of the Dead”

M May 6 The **AM DUAT** - the journey of the deceased king through the Underworld (**Duat**)

W May 8 REVIEW and EVALUATION OF COURSE

F May 10 SECOND HOUR EXAMINATION