

Readings for CLA 343

Dorothy L. Sayers, "The Lost Tools of Learning," *Education in a Free Society*. Indianapolis:Liberty Press, 1973. This is where we begin.

Aristotle, *Prior Analytics* 24^a 10 - 25^a 10 (*GBWW*, p. 39) note especially Aristotle's definition of syllogism.

Aristotle, *Topics* 100^a 18 - 104^a 38 (*GBWW*, pp. 143ff) this selection will give you a feel for both the subject matter of, and Aristotle's MO in, *The Topica*.

Aristotle, *Topics* 159a 16 - concl. (*GBWW*, pp. 216ff). Please note the contrast between the pragmatics of dialectical competition and the virtues of dialectical inquiry (for personal growth).

Aristotle, *Metaphysics* 1004^a 1 - 1012^b 30 (*GBWW*, pp. 523-32)-1004^b ff is good on the relation of philosophy, dialectic, and sophistry. Note especially the movement up to Aristotle's statement of the Law of contradiction @ 1011^b 12.

Aristotle, *On Sophistical Refutations* 164^a 20-166^b 28 & 182^b 5-concl. This reading will give one a decent grasp of Aristotle's approach fallacies, so one can then go to an internet site and study them fruitfully.

Stephen Toulmin, *Uses of Argument* (Cambridge: Cambridge UP), Chapter Three. Note especially his opening movement. He establishes the need for his model by underscoring the limitations of formal logic. Note also the differences between data and warrants (implicit/explicit)"field-dependence."

Richard M. Weaver, *A Rhetoric and Handbook* (New York: Holt, Rhinehart and Winston,1967), excerpts from Chapter Five. Read along during the first three weeks of class.

George Kennedy, *Classical Rhetoric and Its Christian and Secular Tradition From Ancient to Modern Times* (Chapel Hill: U North Carolina Press, 1980) pp. 74ff. Kennedy serves both as a detailed commentary on Aristotle's *Rhetorica* and as a preview of the tack we shall take for the remainder of the course.

Aristotle's *Rhetorica*. (Loeb ed) Study this one closely, use Kennedy as a commentator. Note especially: Aristotle's definition of rhetoric, the relation of dialectic to rhetoric; ethics of rhetoric; three modes of artistic proof, notion of probability (i.e., "things that may be other than they are"; three species of rhetoric and common/specific topics.

Cicero, *De inventione* and *Topica*. Another bit of history; five canons; stasis system. As you read, please ponder the following question: Is this *too* systematic? Too systematic, hence, a cook book? Pay particular attention to *DI* §§ 9-11 and *Topica* §§ 79-80 & 93-95.

Boethius' *De topicis differentiis* dovetails nicely with Cicero.

Albert R. Jonsen, "Case Analysis in Clinical Ethics," *The Journal of Clinical Ethics* 1 (Spring1990): 63-5.

James M. Tallmon, "Casuistry," *Oxford Encyclopedia of Rhetoric*.