

DAY	CLASS TOPIC	READING ASSIGNMENT
H Aug 28	The 2 Cultures, Fact & Value: An Assault on Meaning?	Syllabus
	Clash of Cultures: Debate on our Origin {PBS series}	
H Sep 4	Is it all in the Genes? {Gattaca}	<i>Next 50 Years</i>
	Is there any room left for "belief"? "spirit"? "will"?	
H Sep 11	Science, Perfection, and the Future: Utopia or Dystopia?	<i>Next 50 Years</i>
	Can Science Alone convey Value & Meaning?	
H Sep 18	The Quest for Meaning: Story of a Life	<i>Simone Weil</i>
	Critique of 'Scientism' & 'Religious Dogma'; Quest as Risk	
H Sep 25	Experiencing the Ineffable	<i>Tao Te Ching</i>
	"The Tao that can be told. . . " {Razor's Edge}	
H Oct 2	Technology and 'Modern Life'	<i>Will Epicqwest.Com</i>
	The Science of 'Medicated Well-being'?	
H Oct 9	Meaning & the Denial of Death	<i>Jitterbug Perfume</i>
	Quest for Immortality; Quest for Certainty	
H Oct 16	[reading pause: get a jump start on the next 5 books]	
	Bridging Literature & Life: {The Hours}	
H Oct 23	'Certainty' and the Impulse to Evil	<i>Religion becomes Evil</i>
	When 'Denial of Death' = 'Denial of Life'?	
H Oct 30	"Are you sad? Yes, I have seen too much."	Wiesel, <i>Night</i>
	Melancholy (Religion) or Depression (Science)?	Hand-out: <i>Melancholy</i>
H Nov 6	How to Understand the Holocaust?	<i>Moral Cruelty</i>
	When 'Good People' do 'Evil Things'	
H Nov 13	On Suffering and Meaning	<i>When Neitzche Wept</i>
	Attitude as Choice: The Existentialist Approach {Hannah}	
H Nov 20	Is "Rational, Scientific Man" avoiding Choice?	<i>Escape from Freedom</i>
	The "Two Cultures" of Fact & Value: Redux	
H Dec 4	Temperament & 'Two Cultures': {My Dinner with Andre}	
H Dec 4	[FINAL PAPERS/PROJECTS DUE]	

