

Reading Materials in Western History 5-IV

Syllabus Number

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Compulsory Elective
2 credit

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1. Course Description

History is the study of books. But when we begin our research, we notice the overwhelming absence of books. Since writing was invented, books have actually been destroyed. Books have been destroyed for various reasons. Examples include natural disasters, war, ignorance of conservation methods, simple inaction, religious suppression, politics of fear, and social thought. The purpose of this course is to explore the possibility that the absence of books has shaped history as well as the existence of books, and to cultivate insights for a deeper examination of history. The class consists of an exercise in which students carefully read Fernando Bhaes 'World history of book destruction - from Sumerian clay tablets to the digital age' (Kinokuniyashoten). The most important thing is that participants actively participate.

- Classes will be conducted in an exercise format. Students must read the relevant parts of the text that they will be subscribed to on that day and clarify their questions and impressions before participating in the class.
- Students must report at least once or twice. As a reporter, you should summarize where you are in the text you are subscribed to on the day and summarize your issues.
- Based on the report of the reporter, the participants and the teachers discuss and deepen their understanding.