**Course Outline**

**Title: Books, Essays, and Testimonies: Empathy, Freedom, and the Just Society**

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| Week 1 | Interpretive Essay on Ralph Waldo Emerson’s “Nature” Book, section on Beauty  Environmental Ethics |
| Week 2 | Harriet Beecher Stowe’s “Uncle Tom’s Cabin”  Kantian Ethics & Paternalism |
| Week 3 | Upton Sinclair’s “The Jungle”  Kantian Ethics & John Rawls Veil of Ignorance |
| Week 4 | Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Letter from Birmingham Jail  Social Ethics & the Proper Application of Critical Race Theory |
| Week 5 | Betty Friedan’s “Feminine Mystique”  Feminist Ethics, Paternalism, and Gender Identity |
| Week 6 | Sen. John Kerry’s US Senate “Winter Soldier Testimony”  Geneva Convention Rules for Military Officers and Veterans’ Wellbeing |
| Week 7 | Rudolfo Anaya’s “Magic of Words”  The Library in the Southwestern Cultural Context |
| Week 8 | Peter Singer’s “Animal Liberation”  Utilitarian Ethics & Sentient Capabilities Theory |
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