

## Introduction to Big History I: Reading Assignments

**Text:** David Christian, *Origin Story: A Big History of Everything* (2018)

For class on week #

- 1 Preface, Introduction, and Chapter 1
- 2 Chapter 2
- 3 Chapter 3
- 4 Chapter 4
- 5 Chapter 5
- 6 Chapter 6

We will read only the first half of the book for this course; if I can offer Part II of Big History, we will read the second half. (I hope you like David Christian's work enough to finish this book, in any case!)

Suggested study skill:

Take two-column notes on our readings. Challenge the text, extend it, and question it in the right-hand column; record interesting / important information briefly in the left-hand column.

We will use these notes to initiate and enrich our classroom discussions.

If you have the time and desire, you can supplement our readings by consulting books and websites listed in the handout, **Additional Resources for the Study of Big History**.

