Appendix 2:

Reading List for Joseph Campbell’s Class on Mythology at Sarah Lawrence College

This short appendix is one of the most requested media items on the Joseph Campbell Foundation website. It comprises a master reading list for Campbell’s famous Introduction to Mythology class, which he taught at Sarah Lawrence College from the late 1930s to the mid-1970s. This reading list gives a sense of the material covered in this class, but also an insight into the authors and books that most influenced Campbell in his own thinking. It has been published in The Mythic Dimension: Selected Essays 1959–1987, edited by former JCF Publishing Director Antony Van Couvering.

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The following books were characteristically assigned by Joseph Campbell for his mythology course at Sarah Lawrence College. Eighty to eighty-five percent of these titles appeared each year as part of his course reading list. Where Campbell favored a particular edition, it is listed here, along with a modern edition if very old; otherwise, a good modern edition is shown.


Chiera, Edward, They Wrote in Clay; The Babylonian Tablets Speak


