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Our class will survey the history of Western civilization from the Neolithic Revolution (*ca.* 8000 B.C.) to the Reformation (1600). Over the course of the semester, we will explore a number of related subjects. We will explore the origins of the Western intellectual tradition, the political orientation of Western society, the fundamentals of the Western economy and the religious outlook of the West. Specifically, students will learn about the indispensable Hebrew contribution to the development of Western monotheism, the vital contribution of the Classical Greeks to the formation of Western thought, the role of Rome in the emergence