

INGT 335 — Artificial Intelligence
PKD Timeline

Fall 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapter Due</u>	<u>Journal Due</u>
11/8	1-3	10
11/10	4-5	
11/13	6-8	11
11/15	9-12	
11/17	13-15	
11/20	16-17	12
11/27	18-19	
11/29	20-22	13

Journal 10

Due Wednesday 11/8

This is not a reflection assignment. It's just observational. You need to read the first three chapters of Philip K. Dick's *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* and take note of all the details of the dystopian world he's created. In particular: who are the major characters we, what seems to be the current state of things, what do we know of the history of the world, what role does technology play in the world, and what role do AI play in the world? Beyond getting your bearings, look for moments that stand out to you for whatever reason. Your journal doesn't need to be written in paragraphs or even approached as a writing assignment per se. Just clearly list out the details that help you to understand the kind of world in which these characters are living.

Journal 11

Due Monday 11/13

By the end of chapter eight you should have gleaned some insight into two major groups in PKDs world: the specials and the androids. For this journal reflect on their similarities and differences and decide which group you can empathize with more. In doing this you should look at: how they are viewed and treated by "normal" society, what is their quality of life, what are their challenges, etc. Be sure to look at specific moments and interactions from the readings and take time to examine the android and special characters we've encountered thus far.

*Journal 12***Due Monday 11/20**

This journal is not meant to be a reflection. It is just a close look at an important part of the text.

Empathy, emotion, and intellect are a major theme throughout this book. The capacity that normals, specials, and androids have for these and how that affects them is interwoven within key points in the story. For this journal you should point out key observations about where each group sits on the emotional/rational spectrum, how they view themselves on that spectrum, and how they view members of the other groups on that spectrum. Finally, comment on the role that Mercer and Mercerism plays in this aspect of the story.

*Journal 13***Due Wednesday 11/29**

This journal is not meant to be a reflection. It is just a close look at the overall interpretation of the text and how it ended. Offer up a concrete takeaway for the text as a whole and some insight into how we might make sense of the final three chapters in the context of your interpretation of the novel.