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### INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF ANCIENT EGYPT

**Primary resources (Participants are encouraged to select one of these books to be their text for the course)**

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Versluis, Arthur. *The Egyptian Mysteries*. New York: Arkana, 1988.

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