Philosophy and Theory List

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Question set 1: What is the relationship between empiricism and phenomenology? How do objects appear and sensations emerge? How does one recognize an event?

Deleuze, Bergsonism
Logic of Sense
Difference and Repetition
Desert Islands and Other Texts (esp. “The Actual and the Virtual”; “Hume: Significance and Empiricism”)
Letters and Other Texts
Pure Immanence

Merleau-Ponty, Phenomenology of Perception
The Visible and the Invisible (esp. “Cezanne’s Doubt”)
Sense and Nonsense
The Prose of the World

Jean-Luc Marion, Being Given
Derrida, Voice and Phenomenon

Badiou, Being and Event
Logic of Worlds (phenomenological impulse; degrees and conditions of appearance)
Images of the Present Time (focus on second part)
Philosophy and the Event
[Reference: Peter Halward’s Badiou: A Subject to Truth]

Question set 2: What is the relationship between history and memory? What is the difference between historicism and thinking historically?

Plato, Republic (esp. book 6)
Phaedo

Aristotle, “De Memoria et Reminiscentia”

Hegel, Philosophy of History
Marx, The Critique of Political Economy, Preface
Theses on Feuerbach
Raymond Williams, Marxism and Literature (esp. “Dominant, Residual, Emergent”)

Michel de Certeau, The Writing of History
Foucault, Archeology of Knowledge
"Nietzsche, Genealogy, History"
Karl Lowith, Meaning in History
Walter Benjamin, “On the Concept of History”  
*Selected Writings Vol. 2, “Franz Kafka”*  
Agamben, *Infancy and History: On the Destruction of Experience*  
Michael Anne Holly, *Past Looking*  

Paul Ricoeur, *Memory, History, Forgetting*  

Henri Bergson, *Matter and Memory*  

Nietzsche, “On the Uses and Abuses of History for Life”  
*Untimely Meditations*  
*Human, all too Human*  (esp. on his critique of science)  
*The Will to Power*, excerpt on the eternal return  

Heidegger, *Being and Time* (esp. on history)  
*Nietzsche* (esp. eternal return)  

Irigaray, *The Forgetting of Air in Martin Heidegger*