

Bibliography for Econ 452W

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This is a list of journal articles and working papers written by economists on the subject of economic prehistory. Prehistory is loosely defined to mean the period between the evolution of anatomically modern humans and the appearance of written documents.

The list includes research on hunter-gatherers; marriage and kinship; technical change; property rights; the origins of sedentism, agriculture, warfare, inequality, and the state; and the implications of prehistory for modern economic growth.

I do not provide any systematic coverage of biological evolution, economic development, growth theory, or economic history per se. However, a few random papers in these areas were included because they seemed relevant for prehistory one way or another.

This bibliography does not survey the enormous literature on prehistory by archaeologists and anthropologists. Many references of this kind can be found in the items listed here.

When you write each of your papers for Econ 452W, you will need to choose an article from this list. You might need to do some preliminary searching to locate an article on a topic you are interested in. It is particularly useful to check the abstracts of the articles or working papers to get a short summary of what they are about.

There was no way to compile this bibliography without including papers that have quite a bit of math. If you run into math or economic concepts you don't understand, do the best you can. I will not expect you to understand any ideas or techniques beyond those that an SFU undergraduate majoring in economics would normally have seen.

NOTE: your papers **MUST** be based on articles chosen from this bibliography. **DO NOT** write a paper based on an article I plan to lecture about in class. Therefore, nothing from the reading list with the dates when I will cover various topics. If your paper is based on such an article, I will return it and ask you to write a new paper based on something from this bibliography.

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