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Reading Recommendations, Locke's *Second Treatise*

Our author divided his text in two ways, in the ordinary way for texts of this length, by *chapters*, and also by *sections*, numbered continuously from the beginning of the book to its end. The sections vary in length, but are usually just one paragraph. The recommended list of readings below is by chapter and section, with the sign § indicating 'section'. Thus, "Ch. VI, § 54" means section 54 in Chapter VI. In the version of the book I list on the website's "Bibliography" page this selection begins on p. 32, but Locke's very convenient division of his text makes it possible to find the same passage in any version.

Chapters I – IV, all.

Ch. V, through § 32.

Ch. VI, § 54.

Ch. VII, § 77, § 87.

Ch. VIII, § 95, § 96.

Ch. IX, § 123, § 124.

Ch. XI, § 135, § 136.

Ch. XVIII, § 199, §§ 202-204, § 210.

Ch. XIX, §§ 211-214, § 218, §§ 220-222.

Read enough of the text at least to get the flavor of Locke's approach to the problems of political theory. After the lecture, and when you have the lecture slides in hand, you may want to read all the recommended passages.