Aristotle Reading Guide
Book IX

1. 1164a 25 - a habit of Protagoras is mentioned. What does it have to do with? Who is contrasted with this?
2. In Chapter 4, what are the 5 marks of friendship then?
3. In Chapter 7 Benefactors are described. In this special sort of relationship, why does the benefactor love more?
4. In Chapter 8, what is the question to be discussed.
5. What are proverbs of friendship described at 1168b, around line 7?
6. How do those who use the term 'lover of self' mean it as reproach? - 1168b 20.
7. Contrast the other 'lover of self' from line 25 forward.
8. What is the conclusion at 1169a 10? Also in 1169b1?
9. What is the question of chapter 9?
10. What is the conclusion to be proved at 1169b20?
11. What does the supremely happy man do in regard to friends and why at 1170aff?
12. 1170a 10 gives an additional reason for friendship with virtuous men. What is it?
13. How many friends should a man have? Consider line 1170b30.
14. According to Aristotle, how many people can you love?   1171a through 20.
15. What of the friendship of evil men at the end of chapter 12?

Book X

1.   What are the 'rudders' of education for the young?
2. What does Plato say about pleasure - 1172b 25?
3. What is chapter 6 about?
4. What does happiness NOT lie in - 1176b25?
5. What is the proposition or hypothesis at chapter 7?
6. 1178a5 features a conclusion. What does 'more than anything else' mean?
7. What is the secondary virtue (it has been mentioned before) in the first part of chapter 8?
8. What is the 'perfect happiness' revealed in 1178b(ff), and what does a man need in order to do it?
9. 1178b20 - what is the virtuous activity of the gods?
10. In 1179a two wise men are considered - finally at line 30, who is most loved of the gods?
11. How are the good ones made? -1179a 20 - three ways.
12. at line 25, why can some not be reached by argument and teaching?
13. 1180a25 continues the argument for habituation with what allusions?
14. How can we then become good, according to 1180b25 (referring back to 1179b25).