Classical Arabic Literatures
Weekly Readings

(note: additional short readings in English may be assigned each week to augment the Irwin book. The Arabic readings listed for each week are optional)

Week 3 (9/15 – 9/21): the Qur’an
  English: Irwin, the Qur’an (pp. 30 – 41)
  Arabic: سورة الفاتحة، سورة القلم

Week 4 (9/22 – 9/28): Kalila wa Dimna
  English: Irwin, pp. 68-84
  Arabic: كليلة ودمنة (مختارات)

Week 5 (9/29 – 10/5): al-Jahiz
  English: Irwin, 84-100
  Arabic: مختارات من أدب الجاحظ

Week 6 (10/6 – 10/12): al-Tanukhi
  English: Irwin, 148-170
  Arabic: مختارات من أدب التنوخي

Week 7 (10/13 – 10/19): al-Tawhidi
  English: Irwin, 170-178
  Arabic: مختارات من أدب التوحيدي
Week 8 (10/20 – 10/26): the Maqamat

English: Irwin, 178-193
Arabic: مقامات الحريري (مختارات)

Week 9 (10/27 – 11/2): al-Maʿarri

English: Irwin, 229-243
Arabic: مختارات من أدب المعرّي

Week 10 (11/3 – 11/9): Ibn Hazm

English: Irwin, 244-261
Arabic: مختارات من أدب ابن حزم

The remaining weeks are left open for any suggestions. There is much in Irwin that has not been included above. In addition, for English, two recent and excellent anthologies of translated Classical Arabic Literature are available:

Van Gelder (ed.), *Classical Arabic Literature: A Library of Arabic Literature Anthology*. and

Jayyusi (ed.), *Classical Arabic Stories: An Anthology*. 