Reedings Week 1 –

Most of material discussed this, first, week in class will be found in Chapters 2 and 3 in “The Blue Planet” by Skinner, Porter, and Botkin.

Additional information on the origins of the universe and elements can be found in several places, including

How to Build a Habitable Planet by Wallace Broeker, Eldigo Press

The Whole Shebang – by Timothy Ferris, Touchstone Books

Measuring Eternity – by Martin Gorst, Broadway Books (a really good read)


A Brief History of Time, Stephen Hawking, Doubleday – an explanation of the Big Bang hypothesis.

A good general text emphasizing physical geology and macroevolution from the standpoint of a paleontologist. Excellent illustrations and a CD ROM.