The Complete Works of Aristotle
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*1. Categories – it’s about language, concepts and metaphysics
   For just about anything of Aristotle’s you plan to read, you should read this first.

LOGIC
2. De Interpretatione – it’s about statements and negations
3. Prior Analytics – it’s about deductive proofs – a very difficult read
4. Posterior Analytics – it’s about demonstrations
5. Topics – it’s about dialectical deduction (and the proper formation of
definitions – had a great influence on Aristotle’s metaphysics
6. Sophistical Refutations – it’s about logical fallacies

GENERAL SCIENCE: (Prerequisite: Categories; Recommended: Logic set)
7. Physics – it’s about change and motion (imp. material on cause)
8. On the Heavens –it’s about cosmology
9. On Generation and Corruption – it’s about “chemistry”
10. Meteorology – it’s about atmospheric phenomena, but includes comments
    about comets and earthquakes

BIOLOGY: (Prerequisites: Categories and the General Science set)
11. On the Soul (De Anima) – the meaning of “anima” is closer to “that which
    animates living things” than to Christian “soul”
12. Sense and Sensibilia
13. On Memory
14. On Sleep
15. On Dreams
16. On Divination in Sleep
17. On Length and Shortness of Life
18. On Youth, Old Age, Life and Death, and Respiration
19. Movement of Animals

ZOOLOGY: (Prerequisites: Categories and General Science set; Recommended: Biology set)
20. History of Animals
21. Parts of Animals
22. Progression of Animals
24. Generation of Animals

METAPHYSICS: (Prerequisites: Categories, the Logic set—especially the Topics, and
the General Science set; Lightly Recommended: the Biology set)
25. Metaphysics – very difficult, but easier after you’ve read the Topics
ETHICS: No prerequisites (Both are lecture notes taken by students)
   26. *Eudemian Ethics* – flows better; easier to read first
   27. *Nicomachean Ethics* – longer, covers more ground, cited more often

POLITICS: (Prerequisite: The Ethics set)
   28. *Constitution of Athens* – it’s about political theory of Athens
   29. *Politics* – it’s about political theory

RHETORIC: (Prerequisites: Categories, the Logic set, and the Ethics set)
   30. *Rhetoric* – art of persuasion

AESTHETICS: (No prerequisites)
   31. *Poetics* – has profoundly impacted aesthetic theory, particularly in the
dramatic arts. Everyone should read this.