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# Greece and the Ancient Near East

Fall 2009



*The Chigi Vase - Proto-Corinthian Style, mid-7th Century*

HIST 4003

MWF 12:30-1:20

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**Overview:** This class will examine the first great western civilization, that of ancient Greece. We begin with pre-historical period, for which only material remains and legends preserved by later writers survive, and continue through the development of the city-state and the first democracy. Greece's complex relationship with the Near East will be explored, culminating in the Greco-Persian War of 480-479. The century that follows witnesses the rise and fall of Athens, the first democratic superpower, and in the aftermath of Athens' fall we will see how the Greek city-state fails as a political power, even while Greek culture begins to spread over the entire Mediterranean World and the Near East.

## ***Workload***

**Quizzes:** There will be a short map quiz on September 9. The list of places to know is [here](#), and a blank map for practice is [here](#).

**Exams:** There will be an in-class midterm on October 2, and a final exam on Friday, December 11, 7:30 am - 9:30 am Both will consist of identification, short answer, and essay questions.

**Papers:** There will be one short (5 pages) and one long (10 pages) paper for this class. The [short paper](#) will be evaluating two ancient accounts of the same event, due on September 21. The second paper will be on a topic of the student's choice, due November 23. Before writing your paper, you must prepare a bibliography with at least five modern sources (excluding the textbook) and meet with me to discuss your topic. There will be an in-class sign up for this meeting on October 12.

[First Paper Assignment](#)

[Bibliographic resources for ancient history](#)

[Formatting guidelines](#)

[Grading policies](#)

**Class Discussion:** Certain class periods are set aside for class discussions. Questions based on the primary sources will be distributed in advance to get things started, but feel free to raise other issues or questions on your own. Grading policies for discussions can be found [here](#).

**Attendance:** Regular attendance is important. I will allow each student to miss up to four classes without penalty to cover things like illness and religious observances. Please email me in advance if you are going to miss class. For each absence after the first four, unless there is a serious problem, I will lower the final participation grade by 10 points. If you do have to miss a class, make sure you meet with another student to find out what you missed!

### **Grading:**

Quiz 1: 2.5%

Paper 1: 15%

Paper 2 Bibliography: 2.5%

Paper 2: 25%

Participation: 15%

Midterm: 15%

Final: 25%

## ***Reading Materials***

Required Texts (Available in the bookstore, or online):

Pomeroy, Sarah B. et al. *Ancient Greece: A Political, Social, and Cultural History*. 2nd edition. ISBN [019530800X](#) - abbreviated Pomeroy

Strassler, Robert B., ed. *The Landmark Thucydides: A Comprehensive Guide to the Peloponnesian War*. ISBN [0684827905](#) - abbreviated Thucydides

Sélincourt, Aubrey de, trans. *Herodotus: The Histories*. ISBN [9780140449082](#) - abbreviated Herodotus

Sommerstein, Alan H., trans. *Aristophanes: Lysistrata and Other Plays*. ISBN [9780140448146](#) - abbreviated Aristophanes

Other readings will be made available via handouts or the course website.

## ***Policies***

**Equal Access:** University of Arkansas Academic Policy Series 1520.10 requires that students with disabilities are provided reasonable accommodations to ensure their equal access to course content. If you

have a documented disability and require accommodations, please contact me privately at the beginning of the semester to make arrangements for necessary classroom adjustments. Please note, you must first verify your eligibility for these through the Center for Educational Access (contact 479-575-3104 or visit <http://cea.uark.edu> for more information on registration procedures).

**Inclement Weather:** If the University stops running the Razorback Bus System because of snow or bad weather, there will be no class. Otherwise, class is on!

**Miscellaneous:** Please turn off all cell phones and finish any food you might be eating before coming into class. Drinks are acceptable.

### *Daily Topics and Reading Assignments*

#### **Week 1**

August 24 - Introduction

August 26 - The Dark Age of Greece

Pomeroy 51-96

Homer: Iliad [Book 1](#) & [Book 2](#)

August 28 - The Rise of the Polis

Pomeroy 97-106

Homer: Iliad [Book 6](#)

#### **Week 2**

August 31 - Growth of Trade and Colonization

Pomeroy 106-120

Herodotus 4.147-159

September 2 - Orientalizing

[Hesiod: Theogony](#)

September 4 - Hoplites

Pomeroy 120-126

#### **Week 3**

September 7 - Labor Day, no class!

September 9 - Sparta / Map Quiz / [List of Places](#) / [Blank Map](#)

Pomeroy 150-179

Plutarch: [Life of Lycurgus](#)

September 11 - The Early Greek Philosophers

Selections from the Pre-Socratics (handout)

#### **Week 4**

September 14 - Herodotus Discussion 1

Herodotus 1

September 16 - Athens 1: Solon and Pisistratus

Pomeroy 180-199

Aristotle, [The Athenian Constitution 1-17](#)

Solon: Excerpts

September 18 - Athens 2: The Fall of the Tyranny and the Reforms of Cleisthenes

Pomeroy 199-204  
 Aristotle, [The Athenian Constitution 18-22](#)  
 Herodotus, 5.55-96

### Week 5

September 21 - The Rise of Persia / [First Paper Due](#)  
 Pomeroy 204-222  
 Herodotus 3.1-38, 3.61-97

September 23 - The Marathon Campaign  
 Herodotus 5.25-39, 5.49-54, 5.97-6.32, 6.94-140

September 25 - Xerxes' Invasion of Greece  
 Herodotus 7.1-58, 7.138-144

### Week 6

September 28 - The Greco-Persian Wars  
 Herodotus 7.175-8.20, 8.40-96

September 30 - Herodotus Discussion 2  
 Herodotus 9.1-89, 9.108-113, 9.122

October 2 - Midterm

### Week 7

October 5 - The Rise of the Athenian Empire  
 Pomeroy 225-237  
 Thucydides 1.89-118

October 7 - Theater and the Polis  
 Aeschylus: Agamemnon

October 9 - The Radical Democracy  
 Pomeroy 237-242  
 Aeschylus: Libation Bearers  
 Aristotle, [The Athenian Constitution 23-27](#)  
 Handout of acts of the Assembly

### Week 8

October 12 - Aeschylus Discussion / Sign-up for paper meetings  
 Aeschylus: Eumenides

October 14 - The Myth of Athens  
 Plutarch: [Life of Theseus](#)  
 Lysias: Funeral Oration (selections)

October 16 - The Periclean Building Program  
 Plutarch: [Life of Pericles 11-22](#)

### Week 9

October 19 - The Sophists  
 Gorgias: [Encomium of Helen](#)  
 Aristophanes: Clouds  
 Xenophon: [Memorabilia](#), selections  
 Other Selections

October 21 - Thucydides Discussion 1

Thucydides 1.1-88, review 89-118

October 23 - The Outbreak of the Peloponnesian War

Pomeroy 272-282

Thucydides 1.119-2.10

### **Week 10**

October 26 - The Archidamian War

Pomeroy 316-328

Thucydides 2.10-2.78

October 28 - Comic Relief Discussion

Pomeroy 328-332

Aristophanes: Acharnians (review Clouds as well)

October 30 - The Archidamian War continued

Thucydides 3.1-68

### **Week 11**

November 2 - Thucydides Discussion 2

Thucydides 3.70-85, 4.1-48

November 4 - The Rise of Alcibiades

Pomeroy 332-335

Thucydides 5.84-116

Plutarch: Alcibiades

November 6 - The Sicilian Expedition

Pomeroy 335-341

Thucydides 6

### **Week 12**

November 9 - Thucydides Discussion 3

Thucydides 7

November 11 - Democracy on the Edge

Pomeroy 341-349

Thucydides 8.46-57, 8.63-76, 8.82-98

Aristophanes, Lysistrata

November 13 - The Fall of the Athenian Empire

Pomeroy 349-360

Xenophon: [Hellenica 1.5-7](#) [Hellenica 2.1-2](#)

### **Week 13**

November 16 - The 30 Tyrants

Pomeroy 349-357

November 18 - Plato and the Death of Socrates

Plato: [Apology](#), [Phaedo](#)

November 20 - The Spartan Hegemony

Pomeroy 361-369

Xenophon: [Agesilaus](#)

### **Week 14**

November 23 - The Rise of Thebes / Second Paper Due

Pomeroy 369-374

**Week 15**

November 30 - Justice at Athens (Discussion)

Pomeroy 374-382

Select speeches, TBA

December 2 - Athens and the 2nd Confederacy

TBA

December 4 - The Coming of Macedonia

Pomeroy 404-428

Plutarch, [Life of Demosthenes 1-21](#)

**Week 16**

December 7 - Epilogue

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