

CLS/HIS 255: HISTORY OF ANCIENT GREECE

**Fall 2017
SYLLABUS**

(Please note that all references to Herodotus are to book and paragraph number, with page numbers following).

Friday, August 25

*Introduction to Course
Geography of Greece*

Monday, August 28

Recorder

Henry Gray

Paleolithic, Neolithic and Bronze Age Greece

QUIZ: Be able to locate on a blank map:

(Use map made in class; or Map 2 in the back of the *Landmark Herodotus*)

Mainland Greece Northern Greece

Central Greece Gulf of Corinth

Ionian Sea Aegean Sea

Peloponnese Isthmus of Corinth

Cyclades Asia Minor (Anatolia)

Crete Thessaly

Reading Assignment

Pomeroy et al. *A Brief History of Ancient Greece*,
Introduction 1-12

Chapter 1, 13-25

Strassler, R. ed. *Landmark Herodotus*, "Editor's
Preface," xxxvii-xlviii (a clear and essential explanation
of how to use this book!)

Wednesday, August 30

Recorder

Riley Murphy

Mycenaean Greece

Reading Assignment

Pomeroy, *Ancient Greece*, 25-40

Friday, September 1

Recorder

Nora Madrigal (8 AM)

Benjamin O-L (9 AM)

Discussion: Herodotus, Book 1

QUIZ: Be able to locate on a blank map:

Halicarnassus (#2)

Lydia (#2)

Miletus (#2)

Sardis (#2)

Ephesus (#2)

Ecbatana (#1)

Halys River (#1)

Susa (#1)

(Use Reference Maps 1 and 2 at the back of the *Landmark Herodotus*)

Reading Assignment

Landmark Herodotus

—pp. ix-x, Introduction, 1. Opening Remarks, **only** (just a little about Herodotus)

—pp. li–liiii, “Dated Outline of Text”

—pp. 3–114, Book 1

ORAL REPORTS & One-Page PAPERS

8 AM

9 AM

What is the subject and purpose of Herodotos’ *Histories*?
How do the stories of Croesus and Cyrus fit into this subject?

Viv Makos

Chris Brunet

Jessica Dine (P only)

Sarah Millender (P only)

What lessons about human life and prosperity does the story of Croesus teach?

Joshua Ball

Georgia Y-D

Maverick Zhang (P only)

Joseph Robertson (P only)

Compile a list of Herodotos’ references to sources in Book 1. What are his sources and how does he treat them?

Everyone

Monday, September 4

Recorder

Kate Menner

Fall of Mycenaean Greece; Greek Dark Age

QUIZ: Be able to locate on a blank map:

Pomeroy, map inside the front cover

Euboea

Eretria

Lefkandi

Chalcis

Reading Assignment

Pomeroy, *Ancient Greece*

Chapter 2, 41–66

Landmark Herodotus, “Appendix K: “Dialect and Ethnic Groups in Herodotus”

Wednesday, September 6

Recorder

Peter Cipriano

Beginning of Archaic Period

Colonization

Quiz: Be able to locate on a blank map:

(Use Pomeroy, 67)

Rhegium

Syracuse

Cyrene

Byzantium

Massilia

Naucratis

Reading Assignment

Pomeroy, *Ancient Greece*

Chapter 3, 67–88

Friday, September 8

Recorder

Yuwei Pan (8 AM)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Herodotus, Book 2.1, 151–82 only

(p. 117; pp. 188–203)

Lucas Miller (9 AM)

Book 3.1-160 (all)

(pp. 207–278)

Book 4.1-142 only

(pp. 281–338)

QUIZ: Be able to locate on a blank map:

(Landmark Herodotus, Maps #1 and #2)

Samos

Sparta

Babylon

Scythia

ORAL REPORTS & one-page PAPERS

8 AM

9 AM

Greek Tyranny: Collect all references to tyrants in Herodotus **Books I-III**. Analyze the references and derive from them an analysis of Greek tyranny: its nature and its features. Give specific examples to back up your analysis.

Henry Gray

Alice Herman

Jakub Zajac (P only)

Kate Perry (P only)

Darius' Scythian Campaigns IV.1-142

Analyze Herodotus' narrative of Darius' Scythian campaign. Why does Darius undertake it? What are his military resources? What does it reveal about his relationship with the Ionians of Asia Minor?

Sam Galanek

Sophie M-J

Fengming Li (P only)

Annina Commins (P)

Everyone: How does the Scythian campaign fit in thematically with the rest of Herodotus' *Histories*? Any connections?

Everyone: Be prepared to analyze the Persian Discussion on Human Government (III.80-82).

Monday, September 11
Recorder
Jessica Dine

Beginning of Archaic Period
Hoplite Army

Quiz: Be able to locate on a blank map:
(Use *Ancient Greece*, 72 and inside front cover)

Rhegium **Syracuse**
Byzantium **Corcyra**
Epidamnus **Apollonia**
Potidaea **Argos**
Corinth **Megara**
Chalcedon

(these are mostly the names of important colonies founded by Greek cities in the colonizing period)

Reading Assignment

Pomeroy, *Ancient Greece*, pp. 67–81

Landmark Herodotus, Appendices E, F, G as follow up to class discussion on last Friday. These are about the Scythians; please read them carefully.

Wednesday, September 13
Recorder
Maverick Zhang

Tyrants

Reading Assignment

Pomeroy, *Ancient Greece*, pp. 81–98

Study carefully Herodotus 5.92

Landmark Herodotus, "Appendix T: Tyranny in Herodotus," pp. 835–37

Friday, September 15
Recorder
Fengming Li (8 AM)
Sarah Millender (9 AM)

Herodotus, Book 4.143-205, pp. 338–364

Book 5, all, pp. 367–423

Book 6.1–84 (pp. 427–460)

Oral Reports and One-Page Papers

Analyze the causes, nature, and course of the Ionian Revolt (5.28-6.32)

8 AM

Kory Czajkowski

Nora Madrigal (paper only)

Analyze the career of the Spartan King Cleomenes in Books 5 and 6. In what kinds of activities does he engage? What do you learn from your analysis about the Spartan kingship?

John Stookey

Riley Murphy (paper only)

Fowler, Robert. "Herodotus and his prose predecessors" in *The Cambridge Companion to Herodotus*, pp. 29–45 (PDF)

What is Fowler's thesis? His evidence?

Everyone

9 AM

Lang Song

Benjamin O-L