

# Final Exam Reminders

HISTORY OF ANCIENT GREECE  
HIA 320 WILSON FALL 2010

We had an excellent review session at our last meeting, so all that remains is to provide some reminders.

## THE EXAM

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The exam will consist of:

- ▶ **Identification and Impact** — I'll have a few terms and ask you to discuss what they mean *and* what their impact or importance is.
  - You'll choose the terms you're most comfortable writing about from a selection (so if I ask you to write 5, there might be 10 to choose from).
  - All of the terms will come from this sheet. (I've tried to limit the terms for each topic to four or five, most of which should be familiar.)
  - Remember, the definition itself (check the glossary in the text) will only be half of this question — you'll also need to discuss why it's important.
- ▶ **Essays** — I will ask you to write two essays having to do with overall themes of the course.
- ▶ There will be some kind of extra credit.
- ▶ The essays will count for most of the grade on the exam (60 to 70 percent).

## TOPICS

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### I. Early Greece and the Bronze Age

The Land of Greece – Greece and the Near East in the “Final Neolithic” Period (c. 4000-3000 BC) – Greece in the Early and Middle Bronze Ages (c. 3000-1600 BC) – the Discovery of Aegean Civilization: Troy, Mycenae, Knossos – Minoan Civilization – Greece and the Aegean in Late Bronze Age (1600-1200 BC) – the Years of Glory (c. 1400-1200 BC) – the End of the Mycenaean Civilization

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### II. The “Dark Age” of Greece and the Eighth-Century “Renaissance” (c. 1200-700 BC)

Decline and Recovery (c. 1150-900 BC) – the New Society of the Dark Age – Revival (c. 900-750 BC) – Homer and Oral Poetry – Late Dark Age (Homeric) Society – Community, Household, and Economy in the Late Dark Age – the End of the Dark Age (c. 750-700 BC)

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### III. Archaic Greece (c. 700-480 BC)

The Formation of the City-State (Polis) – the Ethnos – Government in the Early City-States – the Colonizing Movement – Economic and Social Divisions in the Early Poleis – Hesiod: the View from Below – the Hoplite Army – the Archaic Age Tyrants – Art and Architecture – Lyric Poetry – Philosophy and Science – Relations Between States – Panhellenic Institutions

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### IV. Sparta

The Dark Age and the Archaic Period – the Spartan System – Demography and the Spartan Economy – Spartan Government – Sparta and Greece – Historical Change in Sparta – the Spartan Mirage in Western Thought

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## V. The Growth of Athens and the Persian Wars

Athens from the Bronze Age to the Early Archaic Age – the Reforms of Solon – Pisistratus and His Sons – the Reforms of Cleisthenes – the Rise of Persia – the Wars Between Greece and Persia – the Other War: Carthage and the Greek Cities of Sicily

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## VI. The Rivalries of the Greek City-States and the Growth of Athenian Democracy

The Aftermath of the Persian Wars and the Foundation of the Delian League – the “First” (Undeclared) Peloponnesian War (460-445 BC) – Pericles and the Growth of Athenian Democracy – Literature and Art – Oikos and Polis – the Greek Economy

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## VII. Greece On the Eve of the Peloponnesian War

Greece After the Thirty Years’ Peace – the Breakdown of the Peace – Resources for War – Intellectual Life in Fifth-Century Greece – Historical and Dramatic Literature of the Fifth Century – Currents in Greek Thought and Education – the Physical Space of the Polis: Athens on the Eve of War

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## VIII. The Peloponnesian War

The Archidamian War (431-421 BC) – the Rise of Comedy – Between Peace and War – the Invasion of Sicily (415-413 BC) – the War in the Aegean and the Oligarchic Coup at Athens (413-411 BC) – Fallout from the Long War – the War in Retrospect

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## IX. The Crisis of the Polis and the Age of Shifting Hegemonies

Postwar Greece and the Struggle for Hegemony – Law and Democracy in Athens – the Fourth-Century Polis – Philosophy and the Polis

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## X. Phillip II and the Rise of Macedon

Early Macedonia – Macedonian Society and Kingship – the Reign of Philip II – Macedonian Domination of Greece

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## XI. Alexander the Great

Consolidating Power – From Issus to Egypt: Conquest of the Eastern Mediterranean (332-331 BC) – From Alexandria to Persepolis: the King of Asia (331-330 BC) – the High Road to India: Alexander in Central Asia – India and the End of the Dream – Return to the West

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