

# Essays

For this course, you'll write two short essays  
and a research paper based on evidence from the ancient world.

The written assignments for this course are as follows. Mark your calendar, and leave time to prepare, write, and review each assignment.

## Essay on Aristophanes's *Birds*

Due Monday, Nov. 10.

Use three moments from *Birds* to take a position on the culture, beliefs, and social expectations of classical Athens.

See the Essay on Aristophanes's *Birds* assignment page for details and specific requirements.

## Proposal

Due Monday, Oct. 20.

A one-page proposal for the position paper, with response and guidance from me on research and interpretation.

See the Proposal assignment page for details and specific requirements.

## Presentation Write-Up

Due the week after you present.

For each of your two presentations on sources from the assigned readings, write a 2–3 page essay that summarizes what the reading tells us.

See the Presentation Write-Up assignment page for details and specific requirements.

## Position Paper

Due Monday, Dec. 15.

Use evidence from primary and secondary sources to take a position on a research topic of your interest.

See the Position Paper assignment page for details and specific requirements.

## Resources and Information

See the Research and Citation Center for more information.

- Footnotes
- Bibliographies
- Citing Ancient Sources
- Kinds of Sources
- Research Options

Other resources on the course website include:

- Writing a Position Paper (a.k.a. the “Elephant Pamphlet”)
- Policies: Plagiarism
- Pre-formatted MS Word template
- Pre-formatted Google Docs template
- More resources