

# Schedule

For each meeting, please come into class having read and thought about the readings assigned for that class.

Readings listed with the book icon (📖) are from the assigned textbook, Pomeroy, *A Brief History of Ancient Greece*, 5th Edition. All other readings are linked below.

To prepare for each meeting, you need to read:

- The assigned chapter from the textbook (Pomeroy), and
- At least one of the primary source for that week.

August 2025							September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025						
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## Origins

### 1 Introduction and Evidence Thursday, August 28

📖 Introduction

### 2 Dawn of the Aegean Thursday, September 4

📖 Chapter 1. Early Greece and the Bronze Age

### 3 The Greek Dark Age Thursday, September 11

📖 Chapter 2. The Early Iron Age (c. 1200-750/700 BC)

*Read one of the following:*

- ★ Agamemnon's Insult / Homer
- ★ The Death of Patroclus / Homer
- ★ Nausicaa and the Stranger / Homer
- ★ Odysseus and the Suitors / Homer
- ★ The Beginnings of Things / Hesiod

## The Dawn of Hellas

### 4 Archaic Greece Thursday, September 18

📖 Chapter 3. Archaic Greece (750/700-480 BC)

*Read one of the following:*

- ★ Accounts of the Hellenic Games / Various
- ★ Selected Poems / Sappho
- ★ On Labor / Hesiod
- ★ The Founding of Cyrene / Herodotus and Strabo
- ★ Accounts of Religious Beliefs / Various Writers

### 5 Sparta and the Art of War Thursday, September 25

📖 Chapter 4. Sparta

*Read one of the following:*

- ★ The Great Rhetra of Sparta / Plutarch
- ★ Sayings of Spartan Women / Plutarch
- ★ The Spartan Polity / Xenophon
- ★ The Spartan Way of Living / Herodotus
- ★ On the Spartan Constitution / Aristotle

## 6 Athens and the Art of Society

Thursday, October 9

📖 Chapter 5. The Growth of Athens and the Persian Wars

*Read one of the following:*

- ★ The Rule of Law / Solon
- ★ The Tyranny at Corinth / Herodotus
- ★ On Aristogeiton and Harmodius / Thucydides
- ★ The Battle of Thermopylae / Herodotus
- ★ from *The Persians* / Aeschylus

## *The Classical Ferment*

## 7 The Legacy of the Persian Wars

Thursday, October 16

📖 Chapter 6. The Rivalries of the Greek City-States and the Growth of Democracy

*Read one of the following:*

- ★ On the Athenian Constitution / Pseudo-Xenophon
- ★ from *Medea* / Euripides
- ★ Pericles and Cimon / Plutarch
- ★ Documents on Greek Slavery / Various
- ★ Arguments in an Accidental Homicide / Antiphon

## 8 History, Tragedy, and Comedy

Thursday, October 23

📖 pp. 207-220, First half of Chapter 7

★ *Birds*, intro + first half

⚠️ The Proposal is due Monday, Oct. 20.

## 9 Athens in the Classical Period

Thursday, October 30

📖 pp. 221-242, Second half of Chapter 7

★ *Birds*, second half

## 10 War Between the Greeks

Thursday, November 6

📖 Chapter 8. The Peloponnesian War

*Read one of the following:*

- ★ Perikles's Funeral Oration / Thucydides
- ★ Civil War in Corcyra / Thucydides
- ★ The Plague at Athens / Thucydides
- ★ The Melian Dialog / Thucydides
- ★ A Charge of Sacrilege / Andocides

⚠️ The last day to withdraw from Fall 2024 courses is Thursday, Nov. 6.

## 11 The Fourth Century Crisis

Thursday, November 13

📖 Chapter 9. The Fourth Century BC: Changing Ideas, Continuing Warfare

*Read one of the following:*

- ★ The Death of Socrates / Plato
- ★ The Allegory of the Cave / Plato
- ★ On Epaminondas / Cornelius Nepos
- ★ The Battle of Leuctra / Xenophon
- ★ Athenian Bankers / Unknown

⚠️ The *Birds* essay is due Monday, Nov. 10.

## *Hellenism and the World*

## 12 The Rise of Makedon

Thursday, November 20

📖 Chapter 10. Philip II and Macedonian Supremacy

*Read one of the following:*

- ★ The Beginning of Philip of Macedon's Reign / Justin
- ★ The First Philippic / Demosthenes
- ★ Address to Philip / Isocrates
- ★ The Last Stand / Demosthenes
- ★ The Murder of Philip II / Plutarch

## 13 Alexander the Great

Thursday, December 4

📖 Chapter 11. Alexander the Great

*Read one of the following:*

- ★ The Ideal State / Aristotle
- ★ On Alexander / Plutarch
- ★ Speech of Alexander the Great / Arrian
- ★ Death of Alexander / Plutarch

## 14 The Hellenistic World

Thursday, December 11

📖 Chapter 12. The New World of the Hellenistic Period

*Read one of the following:*

- ★ The Procession of Ptolemy II / Athenaeus
- ★ Women at the Adonis Festival / Theocritus
- ★ On Zeno the Stoic / Diogenes Laërtius
- ★ The Destruction of Corinth / Polybius

## 15 Final Exam

Thursday, December 18

The final exam will be held in-person on Thursday, December 18 from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. in our normal meeting room.

⚠️ The Position Paper is due Monday, December 15.