

# 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.

September 2026							October 2026							November 2026							December 2026						
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## Origins

### 1 Introduction and Evidence

Thursday, September 3

📖 Introduction

### 2 Dawn of the Aegean

Thursday, September 10

📖 ch. 1, “Early Greece and the Bronze Age”

### 3 The Greek Dark Age

Thursday, September 17

📖 ch. 2, “The Early Iron Age (c. 1200-750/700 BC)”

- ★ 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 24

📖 ch. 3, “Archaic Greece (750/700-480 BC)”

- ★ 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, October 1

📖 ch. 4, “Sparta”

- ★ 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 8

- 📖 ch. 5, "The Growth of Athens and the Persian Wars"
- ★ 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 15

- 📖 ch. 6, "The Rivalries of the Greek City-States and the Growth of Democracy"
- ★ 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 22

- 📖 pp. 207-220, First half of ch. 7
- 🐦 *Birds*, intro + first half

*The Proposal is due Monday, Oct. 19.*

## 9 Athens in the Classical Period

Thursday, October 29

- 📖 pp. 221-242, Second half of ch. 7
- 🐦 *Birds*, second half

## 10 War Between the Greeks

Thursday, November 5

- 📖 ch. 8, "The Peloponnesian War"
- ★ Pericles'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 is Friday, Nov. 6.*

## 11 The Fourth Century Crisis

Thursday, November 12

- 📖 ch. 9, "The Fourth Century BC: Changing Ideas, Continuing Warfare"
- ★ 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. 9.*

### Hellenism and the World

## 12 The Rise of Makedon

Thursday, November 19

- 📖 ch. 10, "Philip II and Macedonian Supremacy"
- ★ 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 3

- 📖 ch. 11, "Alexander the Great"
- ★ The Ideal State / Aristotle
- ★ On Alexander / Plutarch
- ★ Speech of Alexander the Great / Arrian
- ★ Death of Alexander / Plutarch

## 14 The Hellenistic World

Thursday, December 10

- 📖 ch. 12, "The New World of the Hellenistic Period"
- ★ The Procession of Ptolemy II / Athenaeus
- ★ Women at the Adonis Festival / Theocritus
- ★ On Zeno the Stoic / Diogenes Laërtius
- ★ The Destruction of Corinth / Polybius

*The Position Paper is due Monday, December 14.*

## 15 Final Exam

Thursday, December 17

*The final exam will be held in-person on Thursday, December 17 from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. in our normal meeting room.*