

History of Ancient Greece
FALL 2023

MEETING 1

Introduction and Evidence

- The Aegean world
- The syllabus
- Themes for the course
- Evidence
- Greek writing

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What is this course?

History of Ancient Greece
HIA 320/720, cross-listed with LEH 354

Thursdays
6:00 – 8:40 p.m. in Carman 209

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Who am I?

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Five things today

- 1 The Aegean world
- 2 The course website
- 3 Essays and assignments
- 4 Evidence
- 5 Greek writing

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The Aegean world

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How are we connected to the Greeks?

- Language
- Laws
 - Ideas of justice, society
 - Government
 - Citizen
- Technology
- Arts, literature
- Philosophy and science
- Religion

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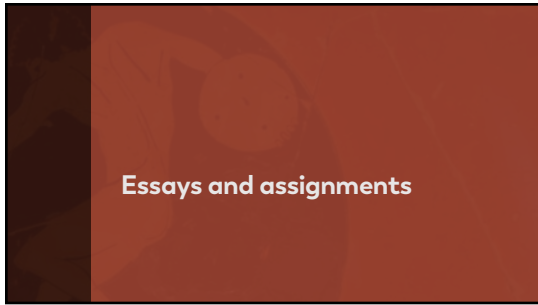
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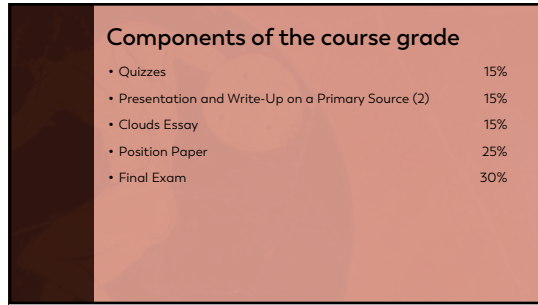
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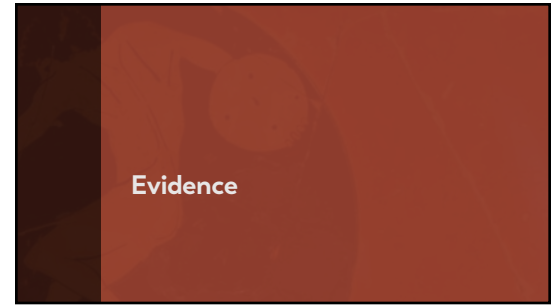
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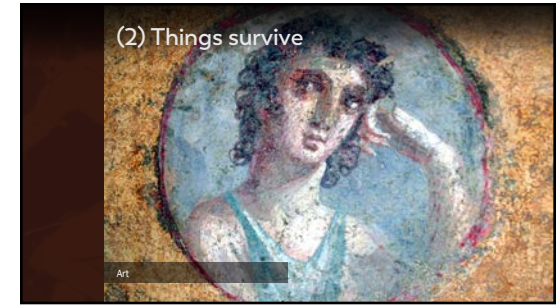
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Kinds of evidence

- **Primary source**
 - Eyewitness testimony from the place and time being studied
- **Secondary source**
 - A scholar collects and interprets primary sources on a subject
- **Tertiary source**
 - General scholarly consensus on a subject
 - Includes encyclopedias, textbooks, and almost everything on the web
 - NOT ALLOWED as a source for history papers

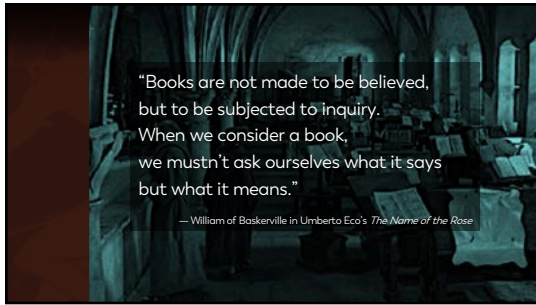
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Problems with primary sources?

- Intentional bias
- Unintentional bias
- Point of view
- Survival
- Translation

CONCLUSION:
There are no facts in history

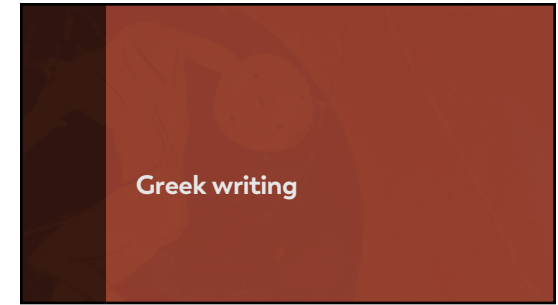
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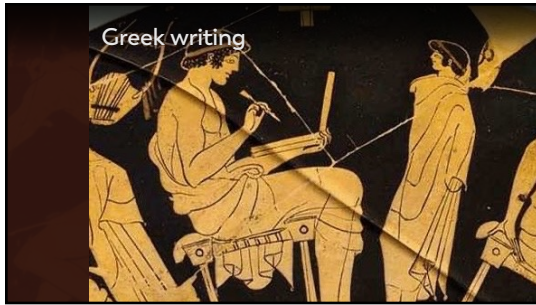
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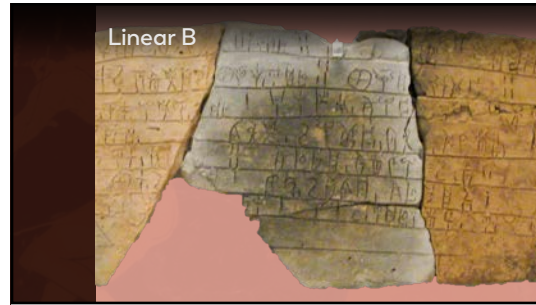
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The Greek alphabet

Α Β Γ Δ Ε Ζ Η Θ Ι Κ Λ Μ Ν Ξ Ο Π Ρ Σ Τ Υ Φ Χ Ψ Ω
α β γ δ ε ζ η θ ι κ λ μ ν ξ ο π ρ σ τ υ φ χ ψ ω
αι αυ ει οι ου

Όμηρος
Σωκράτης
Έλλάς
Μάρκος Όυίλσον

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Some Greek names

Homer	Greek epic poet	8th century BCE	Όμηρος
Hesiod	Greek poet	Early 7th century BCE	Ήσιόδος
Sappho	Greek lyric poet	c. 630 - c. 570 BCE	Σαπφώ
Pindar	Theban lyric poet	522 - 443 BCE	Πινδαρος
Herodotus	Greek historian	484 - 425 BCE	Ήρόδοτος
Thucydides	Athenian general and historian	c. 460 - c. 395 BCE	Θουκυδίδης
Aeschylus	Greek tragic playwright	c. 525 - c. 456 BCE	Αίσχύλος
Euripides	Athenian tragic playwright	480 - 406 BCE	Ευριπίδης
Solon	Athenian statesman and poet	c. 638 - 558 BCE	Σόλων
Xenophon	Athenian general and historian	c. 430 - 354 BCE	Ξενοφών
Socrates	Athenian philosopher	470-399 BCE	Σωκράτης
Plato	Athenian philosopher	428 - 347 BCE	Πλάτων
Aristotle	Athenian philosopher	384 - 322 BCE	Αριστοτέλης

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