

Schedule of Readings and Assignments

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, *Ancient Greece*, 4th Edition.

Everything listed under each meeting—the textbook readings, primary source readings, and *Clouds*—is fair game for the quizzes we'll have at the start of most meetings.

August 2023						
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September 2023						
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October 2023						
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November 2023						
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December 2023						
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ORIGINS

1 Introduction and Evidence Thursday, August 31

📖 Introduction

2 Dawn of the Aegean Thursday, September 7

📖 Chapter 1

3 The Greek Dark Age Thursday, September 14

📖 Chapter 2

Also read one of the following:

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

THE DAWN OF HELLAS

4 Archaic Greece Thursday, September 21

📖 Chapter 3

Also read one of the following:

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

5 Sparta and the Art of War Thursday, September 28

📖 Chapter 4

Also read one of the following:

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

6 Athens and the Art of Society Thursday, October 5

📖 Chapter 5

Also read one of the following:

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

THE CLASSICAL FERMENT

7 The Legacy of the Persian Wars Thursday, October 12

Chapter 6

Also read one of the following:

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

The Proposal is due Monday, October 9.

8 History, Tragedy, and Comedy Thursday, October 19

Chapter 7 pp. 277-302

■ *Clouds*, intro + first half

9 Athens in the Classical Period Thursday, October 26

Chapter 7 pp. 303-323

■ *Clouds*, second half

10 War Between the Greeks Thursday, November 2

Chapter 8

Also read one of the following:

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

11 The Fourth Century Crisis Thursday, November 9

Chapter 9

Also read one of the following:

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

The *Clouds* essay is due Monday, November 6.

HELLENISM AND THE WORLD

12 The Rise of Makedon Thursday, November 16

Chapter 10

Also read one of the following:

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

Thursday, November 23

No meeting— Thanksgiving Day

13 Alexander the Great Thursday, November 30

Chapter 11

Also read one of the following:

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

14 The Hellenistic World Thursday, December 7

Chapter 12

Also read one of the following:

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

The Position Paper is due Monday, December 11.

Final Exam

Thursday, December 14

The final exam will be held on Thursday, December 14 from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. in our normal meeting room.

Sections in *Clouds*

Page numbers refer to the Wests' *Four Texts on Socrates* assigned for this class. Any good edition will have line numbers; see me if yours doesn't. We are reading the whole play (it's not very long).

	<i>lines</i>	<i>pages</i>
West's Introduction		29-37
1. Strepsiades's Problem	1-13	115-120
2. The Thinkery	133-365	120-130
3. Gods and Memory	366-518	131-136
Clouds' Response 1	518-626	136-141
4. Hen and Cock	627-888	141-151
5. The Debate	889-1114	151-161
Clouds' Response 2	1115-1130	161
Old and New Day	1131-1213	161-164
6. The Creditor	1214-1320	165-169
New Morality	1321-1492	169-176
The Purge	1493-1510	176