

1. August 31

Assignments: Hdt. 1.1-13, in Greek;
Book 1 in English.

Topics: Introduction to Herodotus the real author. The first sentence and the announced subject matter of the *Histories*. The proem: the *logoi* of others; causes of war according to the Persian *logoi*; a first look at retaliation as a historical cause. Herodotus' starting point: Croesus. Hdt. 1.1-13: the narrative style of the Gyges-Candaules episode; a first look at the power of *nomos*.

2. September 7

Assignments: Hdt. 1.23-34.1; 71; 73-75; 86-91 in Greek;
Books 2 in English.

Topics: historical writing before Herodotus. The Croesus logos and the Cyrus logos.

3. September 14

Assignments: Hdt. 1.1.93-100; 107-119; 130-140, 3.38 in Greek; Book 3-4 in English
Topics: Monarchy. Patterning. Herodotus as ethnographer; Relativism and ethnocentrism.

4. September 21

Assignments: 7.12-18; 131-144, 149-52, 201-11 in Greek;
Books 5 and 6 in English
Topics: Causation; Divine communication.

5. September 28

Assignments: Hdt. 7.211-239, 8.3 in Greek; Books 7 and 8 in English.
Topics: Herodotus' representation of Sparta

6. October 5

Assignments: Hdt. 8.75-99, 108-112; Book 9 in English.
Topics: Herodotus' representation of Athens. Does Herodotus speak about the present through the narrative of the past?

7. Break

8. October 19 (after break)

Assignments: Hdt. 9.76-82; 9.106-120 in Greek; Thuc. 1.1 and 20-23 in Greek
Thucydides, Book 1 in English.
Topics: The end of the Histories. Pausanias, Themistocles and other transitional issues

9. October 26

Assignments: Thuc. 1.66-78 in Greek;
Book 2 in English

Topics: Thucydides' beginning (1.1-23) vs. Herodotus' beginning; Thucydides and the mythical past. Athenian empire; Thucydides' view of causes.

10. November 2

Assignments: Thuc. 1. 79-88, in Greek; Book 3 in English.

Topics: Speeches in Thucydides. The first debate. Athens' justification of her empire. Thucydides and the sophists.

11. November 9

Assignments: in Greek: 1.139.4-146 (four pages) 2.1-6 (four pages and a half).
in English: Book 4

Topics: Situation of Athens and Sparta before the War. Pericles' leadership and the outbreak of the war.

12. November 16

Assignments: Thuc. 2. 7-8, 34-41 in Greek; Book 5 in
English (focus especially on 1-26, 84-116 and on the
actions of Alcibiades, e.g. 43ff.).

Topics: Pericles' Funeral Oration and the tradition of the Epitaphios.
Observations on the Pylos-Sphacteria incident.

13. November 23

Assignments: Thuc. 2.42-46; 47-54 in Greek. Book 6 in English.

Topics: Thucydides' description of the plague.

14. November 30

Assignments: Thuc. 2.59-65, 3.36-39 in Greek. Book 7 in English.

Pericles in Thucydides. Melian Dialogue.

15. December 7

Assignments: Thuc. 3.40-50. Book 8 in English

Topics: Melian Dialogue; Sicilian Expedition.

N.B. The students have only read in Greek the passages that are specified 'in Greek' in the syllabus. Discussion of 'Topics' often relate to parts they have read in English.

