

Classics 10: Discovering the Greeks

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Course Description: This course serves as a general introduction to Greek civilization from the Late Bronze Age (1800-1200 B.C.) to the end of the Classical Period (323 B.C.). Through a combination of lectures and primary and secondary readings, students will become familiar with the broad outlines of ancient Greek history, culture, politics, literature, art, archaeology, and philosophy. The course will also cover topics related to social history such as slavery, gender, and sexuality. At the same time, students will develop valuable skills in writing and critical reading.

GE Requirements Fulfilled: Literary and Cultural Analysis

Required Books:

Morris, I. and B. Powell. *The Greeks: History, Culture, and Society*. Second Edition. Upper Saddle River: Pearson. 2010.

Homer, *The Iliad*, trans. Stanley Lombardo. Indianapolis: Hackett Pub. Co. 1997.

Homer, *The Odyssey*, trans. Stanley Lombardo. Indianapolis: Hackett Pub. Co. 2000.

Herodotus, *The Landmark Herodotus*, trans. A. Purvis. New York: Random House. 2009.

Thucydides, *The Landmark Thucydides*, trans. R. Crawley. New York: Simon and Schuster. 1998.

Sophocles, *Sophocles: Antigone*, trans. R. Blondell. Newburyport: Focus. 1998.

Aristophanes, *Lysistrata*, trans. Jeffrey Henderson. Indianapolis: Focus. 1988.
Plato, *Symposium and Phaedrus*, trans. Thomas Griffith. New York: A.A. Knopf, 2000.

Grading:

- Quizzes (25%)
- Final Exam (30%)
- Paper (30%)
- Participation (15%)

Week 1

8/7: Introduction

- Reading: Herodotus, *Histories*, 1.26-56, 1.71, 1.79-91 (Solon and Croesus)
Morris and Powell, Preface (pp. xiii-xiv) Chapters 1 (pp. 1-11), 2 (pp. 12-26)

8/9: Greek Myth and Religion

- Reading: Hesiod, *Theogony*, 1-210, 453-734, and 881-1022 (website)
Morris and Powell, Chapter 7 (pp.119-148)

8/11: Minoans and Mycenaeans

- Reading: Morris and Powell, Chapter 4 (pp. 41-70)

Week 2

8/14: Homer: *Iliad*

- Reading: *Iliad*, Books 1, 6, 9, 16, 22, 24
Morris and Powell, Chapters 5 (pp. 72-92) and 6 (pp. 93-118)
- Quiz 1

8/16: Homer: *Odyssey*

- Reading: *Odyssey*, Books: 1, 9-12, 19, 22, 23

8/18: Archaic Greece: Culture and Society

- Reading: Lyric Poetry: Archilochus, Sappho, Tyrtaeus, Theognis, Mimnermus,
Solon, Anacreon, Hipponax, Simonides (website)

Morris and Powell, Chapter 8 (pp. 150-173) and “Lyric Poets” (pp. 180-182)

Week 3

8/21: Athens and Sparta

- Reading: Plutarch, *Life of Lycurgus*, selections (website)
Thucydides, *Histories*, 1.1, 2.34-46
Morris and Powell, Chapter 10 (pp. 198-224)
- Quiz 2

8/23: The Persian Wars

- Reading: Herodotus, *Histories*, 1.1-1.5 (proem, the abductions), 6.102-117 (Marathon), 7.99 (Artemisia), 7.201-228, 7.139-143 (Thermopylae), 8.40-42, 8.49-63, 8.66-72, 8.74-97 (Salamis)

Morris and Powell, Chapters 11 (pp. 230-252) and 12 (pp. 253, 257-258, 260-272)

8/25: Art and Architecture

- Reading: Morris and Powell, Chapter 9 “Material Culture” (pp. 183-195), Chapter 13 (selections, pp. 278-292), Chapter 14 “Material Culture” (pp. 299-316)
- Paper: Paper Topics Distributed

Week 4

8/28: The Peloponnesian War

- Reading: Thucydides, *Histories*, 1.1 (proem), 1.18-23 (Thucydides’ method), 2.10-17 (the Spartans invade Attica), 2.47-54 (the plague), 3.36-50 (Mytilene debate), 4.29-38 (Sphacteria), 5.84-116 (Melian dialogue), 6.8-32, 7.42-44, 70-71, 75, 84-87 (the Sicilian expedition)

Morris and Powell, Chapter 16 (pp. 337-367)
- Quiz 3

8/30: Greek Tragedy

- Reading: Sophocles, *Antigone*
Aristotle, *Poetics*, selections (website)
Morris and Powell, Chapter 15 (selections, 317-331)

9/1: Greek Comedy

- Reading: Aristophanes, *Lysistrata*
Morris and Powell, Chapter 15 (selections, 331-336)

Week 5

9/4 Labor Day, No Class

9/6: Greek Philosophy

- Reading: Heraclitus, selections (website)
Plato, *Apology* (website), Plato, *Symposium*
Morris and Powell, Chapter 9 (selections, pp. 175-180), Chapter 14
(selections, pp. 294-299)
- Quiz 4

9/8: Women and Sexuality

- Reading: Plato, *Symposium*
Herodas, *Mime* 6, “The Dildo” (website)
Hesiod, *Works and Days*, 53-105 (Pandora), website
Semonides 7 (website)
Erinna, *Distaff* (website)
Aristotle, *On the Generation of Animals* 765b8 (website)
Hippocrates, *On Virgins*, “Hysteria in Virgins” (website)
Galen, *On the Usefulness of the Parts of the Body* 14.6-7, “Comparison of
Male and Female Anatomy” (website)
Aretaeus, *On the Causes and Symptoms of Acute Diseases* 2, “The
Wandering Womb” (website)

Week 6

9/11: Slaves and the “Other”

- Reading: Orlando Patterson, *Slavery and Social Death*, 1-10 (website)
Aristotle, *Politics*, 1254b-1255b (on natural slaves), website
Herodotus, *Histories*, 2.35-36 (Egypt), 4.64-76, 4.103-117 (Scythians),
9.122 (“Soft lands breed soft men”)
Hippocrates, *Airs, Waters, Places*, selections (website)

9/13: The Rise of Macedon and Alexander the Great

- Reading: Plutarch, *Life of Alexander* (website)
Morris and Powell, Chapter 19 (pp. 406-429), 20 (pp. 430-444)

- Paper: Final Draft Due

9/15: Final Exam