

# ATTIC HISTORIOGRAPHY (Classics 190:562)

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## I. Texts

\* *Thucydides Historiae*, ed. H.S. Jones, rev. J.E. Powell (Oxford 1942) 2 vols. (OCT)

Translation: *Thucydides: The Peloponnesian War*, trans. & ed. S. Lattimore (Indianapolis 1997)

Introductory Study: K.J. Dover, *Thucydides, Greece and Rome, New Surveys in the Classics 7* (1973)

## II. Requirements

Test I will be a self-administered exam to be anticipated in Week 7 of the course. It will be comprised primarily of translation and will constitute 30% of the final grade. Test II will be self-administered during exam week. Testing the material of the course comprehensively, it will comprise 35% of the course grade. Both tests will contain sight passages. A research paper will be required and will call for sharply focused research relevant to specific facets of the material in the second half of the course. Each meeting, starting from week 8, offers two such topics. It is to be expected that the researchers of the topics to be covered during that meeting will make significant contributions to that meeting. The papers will contribute 35% to the grade.

## III. The Conduct of the Course

A complete reading of Thucydides is far beyond the scope of a single course. We shall endeavor to cover some of the best-known sections of Thucydides, and to treat the varied types of material with which this historian attempted to grapple. We shall also make an investigation of Attic historiography through Thucydides, its greatest exponent. While it is possible to set him in his proper intellectual context through a study of differences of his work from that of Attic local historians, we shall analyze Thucydides through his relationship to other modes of historiography.

## IV. An Outline of Readings

All readings in Greek are listed inclusively, i.e., Thuc.1.1-23 means Thucydides Book 1, chapter 1 through and including chapter 23. The topics for emphasis for each meeting are included in parentheses. Where relevant, the report for each week follows the reading assignment in square brackets.

Week 1 (Jan. 28): Introduction to course

Week 2 (Feb. 4): Thuc. 1.1-23 (*Arkhaiologia*)

Week 3 (Feb. 11): Thuc. 1.24-49 (Corcyraean Crisis)

Week 4 (Feb. 18) Thuc. 1.50-55 (Battle of Sybota); Thuc. 1.65-82 (Debate at Sparta)

Week 5 (Feb. 25): Thuc. 1.83-112 (*Pentekontaeteia*)

Week 6 (March 3): Rapid Review of the Remainder of Book One

Week 7 (March 10): Thuc. 2.1-24 (Outbreak of War)

Week 8 (March 24): Thuc. 2.25-46 (*Epitaphios* of Pericles); [*Polypragmosun* in the *Epitaphios*]; [Pericles and Female Social Invisibility]

Week 9 (March 31): Thuc. 2.47-65 (Great Plague; Last Speech of Pericles); Thuc. 2.85-92 (Phormio in the Corinthian Gulf); [The Identification of the Athenian Plague]; [The Advice of Pericles on Maintenance of the Attic Hegemony]

Week 10 (April 7): Thuc. 3. 9-14, 36-50 (Mytilenaeon Debate); Rapid Review of the Remainder of 3.1-50 [Diodotus' Argument from Expediency]; [The Loyalty of the Allied *Dēmoi*]

Week 11 (April 14): Thuc. 3.70-85 (Corcyraean *Stasis*); Rapid Review of Thuc. 4.1-41; [The Semantics of *Stasis*]

Week 12 (April 21): Thuc. 5.1-20; 5.84-114 (Melian Dialogue); [Autonomy in the Peace of Nicias]; [The Guilt of the Melians]

Week 13 (Apr. 28): Thuc. 6.8-32 (Inception of the Sicilian Expedition); [Athenian Prospects in Sicily]; [The Portrayal of Alcibiades in Thucydides]

Week 14 (May 5) Thuc. 8.89-95, 97-98 (The Oligarchic Coup of 411); Thuc. 8.101-109 (The End of the History); [The Thucydidean Assessment on the Five Thousand]; [State of Completion of Thucydides Book 8]

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