



THE ANCIENT HISTORIANS HIS487

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Office Hours: Unless some official business or family/kid issue pops up, I will be in my office M 1-2:30pm, WF noon -2:30pm (often on those days till 4:30 or 5pm). I will usually be in the office on Tu and Th after class till 2:30 or so. Call if you want to make sure I am in the office. Drop ins or appointments are welcome.

The World According to Hecateus

Course Goal: With this course we hope to learn not only ancient history as told by ancient historians; but also to think about how the discipline of history was perceived and practiced in the ancient Mediterranean world. The course is heavily oriented toward reading and discussion.

History Program Learning Outcomes, Students will be able to...

- Find appropriate materials online, in a library, or in the community and know how to cite them. (Assessed with the research paper.)

Course Learning Outcomes, Students will be able to...

- Evaluate various types of primary sources.
- Write an analytical paper using primary sources.
- Outline the history of Persian, Greek, through Roman empires before the 4th c. AD.

Grading: 75% will be based on attendance, prepared with reading-journal showing class engagement, and participation in class discussion.

25% is a 10 page analytical essay derived out of a sources we read in class.

Textbooks to Purchase:

Herodotus, *The Histories*, (any edition)

Eusebius, *The History of the Church* (also titled *Ecclesiastical History*) (any edition)

I heartily recommend purchasing all the books. They can be had cheaply from used bookstores or the internet. Paperback books, generally, are much easier to work with as a student, than scrolling through a computer.

Class schedule (text for assignments are on Canvas)

People, Places, Events: Genesis 10-25, Ezra 1, 3-7

Due Aug 31 at 11:59pm Aug 31 at 11:59pm

Herodotus bks 1-2

Due Sep 5 at 11:59pm Sep 5 at 11:59pm

Herodotus bk 3

Due Sep 7 at 11:59pm Sep 7 at 11:59pm

Herodotus bks 4-5

Due Sep 12 at 11:59pm Sep 12 at 11:59pm

Herodotus bk 6

Due Sep 14 at 11:59pm Sep 14 at 11:59pm

Herodotus bks 7-8

Due Sep 19 at 11:59pm Sep 19 at 11:59pm

Thucydides bks 1-2

Due Sep 26 at 11:59pm Sep 26 at 11:59pm

Xenophon, Anabasis bks 3, 4.5-8, 7.6

Due Sep 28 at 11:59pm Sep 28 at 11:59pm

Polybius bks. 1.1 and 12

Due Oct 3 at 11:59pm Oct 3 at 11:59pm

Historiography of Aristotle -Cicero

Due Oct 5 at 11:59pm Oct 5 at 11:59pm

Plutarch on Alexander

Due Oct 10 at 11:59pm Oct 10 at 11:59pm

Livy bks 1-2

Due Oct 17 at 11:59pm Oct 17 at 11:59pm

Plutarch on Mark Anthony

Due Oct 19 at 11:59pm Oct 19 at 11:59pm

Suetonius on Augustus Caesar

Due Oct 24 at 11:59pm Oct 24 at 11:59pm

Gospel of Luke

Due Oct 26 at 11:59pm Oct 26 at 11:59pm

Luke on Acts of Apostles 1-15

Due Oct 31 at 11:59pm Oct 31 at 11:59pm

Luke on Acts of Apostles 16-28

Due Nov 2 at 11:59pm Nov 2 at 11:59pm

Josephus "Life" and Antiquities 4.8

Due Nov 7 at 11:59pm Nov 7 at 11:59pm

Josephus Antiquities bk 18

Due Nov 9 at 11:59pm Nov 9 at 11:59pm

Tacitus Annals 1.1, 3.6-7

Due Nov 14 at 11:59pm Nov 14 at 11:59pm

Tacitus Annals 6.10-11

Due Nov 16 at 11:59pm Nov 16 at 11:59pm

Eusebius bk 1

Due Nov 21 at 11:59pm Nov 21 at 11:59pm

Eusebius 2-3

Due Nov 28 at 11:59pm Nov 28 at 11:59pm

Eusebius 4-5

Due Nov 30 at 11:59pm Nov 30 at 11:59pm