

HIS 351/History of Greece, 2000-31 B.C.

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This course surveys Greek history and civilization from the early second millennium (2000 B.C.) through the first century B.C. The textbook and lectures will furnish a narrative framework, but we will devote a great amount of time to reading and discussing a variety of primary sources ranging from Mycenaean tablets to Plato's writings. It is vital that you complete the reading assignments by the time of the class meeting for which they are assigned. Begin reading the longer assignments well before we are scheduled to discuss them.

Course requirements include attendance and participation; a midterm examination and a final examination, and five papers on topics to be assigned.

### Books Required

I. Morris and B. B. Powell, The Greeks (G)  
Homer, Iliad (trans. R. Lattimore)  
Homer, Odyssey (trans. R. Lattimore)

### SCHEDULE

8/15 Introduction:Greece, Greeks, and Greek History G 1-11, 531-534

#### Bronze Age to Dark Age

8/17 Bronze Age Civilizations

G 42-59

8/22 Bronze Age Greece

G 60-67; Mycenaean documents  
Paper #1 due\*

8/24 From Bronze Age to Dark Age

G 67-71

8/29 Reading Homer

G 93-116; Lattimore, Iliad, Intro-  
duction, 12-40; Iliad, Books 13-16  
Iliad, Books 1-4

8/31 Iliad

9/5 Labor Day Holiday

9/7 Iliad

Iliad, Books 18-24

9/12 Dark Age Society

G 72-86; Odyssey, Books 1-4

9/14 Dark Age Stories

Odyssey, Books 5-12

9/19 Dark Age Economy

Odyssey, Books 13-24

9/21 Writing and Religion

G 86-91, 117-147; Paper #2 Due

\*Paper #1: Using the information from the 8/15 reading assignment, write a synopsis of Greek history from the Bronze Age through the Hellenistic Period, noting the distinctive features of each period. As your last paragraph discuss briefly how the story of Greek history might be labeled “the rise and fall of the *polis* [city-state]”.

### Archaic Period

9/23	Archaic Revolutions: Warfare and Government	G 148-156, 164-170
9/26	Aristocratic Culture	G 156-164
9/30	Archaic Revolutions: Thought	G 171-192
10/3	Sparta	G 193-204
10/5	Athens	G 204-220; Paper #3 Due
10/7	EXAM	

### Classical Period

10/12	Persian Empire	G 221-237
10/14	Ionian Revolt/Marathon	G 237-247
10/17	Persian War 480-479	G 248-267
10/19	Persian War 478-469	G 271-276
10/21	Athenian Imperialism	Thucydides
10/24	Athenian Democracy	G 278-287; <i>Old Oligarch</i>
10/26	Athens, Sparta, Persia 464-446	G 276-278
10/28	Ideas in the 5 <sup>th</sup> century B.C.	G 288-301
10/31	Forms in the 5 <sup>th</sup> century B.C.	G 314-333
11/2	Parthenon	G 301-313
11/4	Peloponnesian War	G 284-287, 334-343
11/7	Peloponnesian War	G 343-354
11/9	Peloponnesian War	G 356-359
11/11	Peace and Revolution	G 359-364
-11/14	4 <sup>th</sup> -century Politics	G 365-380; Paper #4 due
11/16	4 <sup>th</sup> -century Culture	G 391-400; Plato, <i>Apology of Socrates</i>
11/18	Macedon	G 401-412
11/21	Alexander	G 412-437

### Hellenistic Period

11/28	Hellenistic Kingdoms	G 438-467
11/30	Hellenistic Culture	G 467-486
12/2	Hellenistic Philosophies	G 487-499
12/5	Romans and Greeks	G 500-534