

Golden Age of Greece: Integrated Society

Humanities 302

Section: D100

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Discussion Topics: What did the ancient Greeks talk about and how did they do so? The Greeks took communication very seriously. By eavesdropping a bit, we can learn a great deal about their civilization. The course will survey different forms of communication as they arose in ancient Greek civilization and give attention to topics such as the nature of humanity and human excellence, women, sport, sexuality, warfare, justice, education, theology, and politics. The following is a list of the kinds of communication that will be examined:

1. epic: Homer's *Odyssey* and Hesiod's *Works and Days*
2. choral and lyric: Pindar's *Odes* and sport, Sappho on love, and Solon the polis
3. tragedy: Aristotle's *Poetics*, Plato's *Republic* on poetry, and Sophocles' tragedy *Ajax*
4. comedy: Aristophanes' *Clouds* and *Lysistrata*
5. symposium: Plato's *Symposium* on sexuality
6. historiography: Herodotus and Thucydides, historical theory and practice
7. sophistic :Isocrates' *Against the Sophists* and Plato's *Protagoras* on education
8. dialectic: Plato's *Phaedrus* on learning through conversation
9. rhetoric: Plato's *Gorgias* and Aristotle's *Rhetoric*
10. lawcourts: Lysias 1, Demosthenes 59: trials for murder and debauchery
11. politics: Thucydides' "Mytilenean Debate" and Demosthenes: democracy in action
12. speaking for show Pericles' "Funeral Oration" and Gorgias' *Helen*: The power of the word
13. art: Athens, a city of images

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Grading: Abstracts: 30%

Research paper: 20%

Annotated Bibliography 5%

Final Exam 25%

Participation 20%

Required Texts: Aristophanes, *Lysistrata* and Other Plays. Penguin 0-14-044287-1

Homer, *The Odyssey*. Trans. R. Fitzgerald. Farrar, ISBN: 0-374525-74-9.

M.I. Finley, ed., *The Portable Greek Historians*. Penguin ISBN: 0-14-015

Recommended Texts: N/A

Materials/Supplies: N/A

Prerequisite/Corequisite: 45 credit hours.

Notes: HUM 305-4 may be applied to the Certificate in Liberal Arts.

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