Places and their People

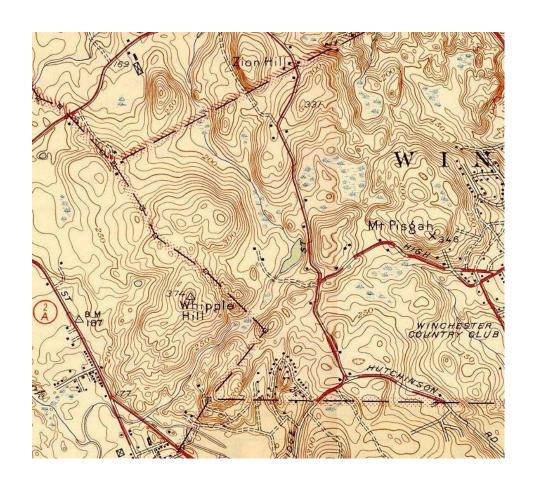
Expanding Your Greek Vocabulary

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Words for Places

- ὁ τόπος, "place, location"
 - Source of English "topography"
- $\dot{\eta} \gamma \dot{\eta}$, "land, earth"
 - Source of "ge" in English "geography"
- ἡ πόλις, "city, town"
 - 3rd declension, gen. πολεως
- ἡ ὁδός, "road, way"
 - Rare 2nd declension *feminine* noun





Words for People Groups

- το ἔθνος, "people, ethnic group, nation"
 - Source of English "ethnic"
 - 3rd declension, gen. ἐθνους (γενος type)
- ὁ λαός, "people, ethnic group, nation"
 - Less emphasis on ethnic identity, more on political or community identity
- το γένος, "family, ethnic group, species"
 - Focus on being related, sharing common a origin
 - 3rd declension, gen. γενους





Greece and Greeks

- ἡ Ἑλλάς, "Greece"
 - Source of English "Hellenistic"
 - 3rd declension, gen. Έλλαδος
- ὁ ἕλλην, "Greek (person)"
 - 3rd declension, gen. έλληνος
 - Same form for masc. and fem.
- ὁ ἑλληνικός / ἡ ἑλληνική, "Greek"



Rome and Romans

- ἡ Ἡωμη, "Rome"
- ὁ ἡωμαῖος / ἡ ἡωμαῖα, "Roman"
 - Note rough breathing on initial ρ





Judea and Jews/Judeans

- ἡ Ἰουδαία, "Judea"
- ὁ ἰουδαῖος / ἡ ἰουδαία, "Jew, Judean"
 - Ongoing debate about how to translate
 - Religious/ethnic or geographic identity?
- ἡ Γαλιλαία, "Galilee"





Parthia and Parthians

- ἡ Παρθυαία, "Parthia"
- ὁ παρθίς, "Parthian (person)"
 - 3rd declension, gen. παρθίδος
- ὁ παρθικός / ἡ παρθική, "Parthian"







Scythia and Scythians

- το Σκυθικόν, "Scythia"
- ὁ σκυθικός / ἡ σκυθική, "Scythian"







Egypt and Egyptians

- ἡ Αἴγυπτος, "Egypt"
 - Also (with masc. article) means "Nile river."
- αἰγύπτιος, -η, -ον (adj.), "Egyptian"







Syrian Cities and their People

- ή Ἱεροσόλυμα, "Jerusalem"
 - Declined like a regular 1st declension noun
 - Ἱεροσολύμος / Ἱεροσολύμα, "Jerusalemite"
 - ὁ Ἱεροσολυμίτης, "Jerusalemite"
- ή Ἱερουσαλήμ, "Jerusalem"
 - Indeclinable
- ἡ Ἀντιόχεια, "Antioch"
 - ὁ ἀντιοχεύς, "Antiochene, Antiochian"
 - 3rd decl., gen. Άντιοχεως



Greek Cities and their People

- ή Κόρινθος, "Corinth"
 - Feminine gender, 2nd declension forms
 - ὁ κορίνθιος / ἡ κορίνθια, "Corinthian"
- ή "Εφεσος, "Ephesus"
 - Feminine gender, 2nd declension forms
 - ὁ ἐφέσιος / ἡ ἐφέσια, "Ephesian"



