

# Classical Civilisation 1A: Early Greece, from Troy to Plataea, 776-479 B.C.

# **Text and History Reading Schedule**

Apart from the primary texts, we are also using a history textbook for this course: Osborne, *Greece in the Making*. This is available through the library catalogue as an e-book and may be read online. The schedule is roughly one chapter a week, as follows:

#### Week 1

Primary text

• Homer, *Odyssey* 1-4 (i.e. books one to four)

Secondary reading

• Osborne, *Greece in the Making*, chapter 1 'The Traditions of History' (skim the Cyrene part: we will return to it) and chapter 2 'Setting the Stage' (chapter 3 in the first edition)

# Week 2

Primary text

• Homer, Odyssey 5-14

Secondary reading

• Osborne, *Greece in the Making*, chapter 3 'The Problem of Beginnings' (= chapter 2 in the first edition)

#### Week 3

Primary text

• Homer, Odyssev 15-24

Secondary reading

• Osborne, *Greece in the Making*, chapter 4, 'Forming Communities: the Eighth Century'

#### Week 4

Primary texts

- Hesiod, *Theogony*
- Hesiod, Works and Days

Secondary reading

Osborne, Greece in the Making, chapter 5, 'The World of Hesiod and of Homer'

#### Week 5

Primary texts

• Greek Lyric Poetry: Archilochus

Secondary reading

• Osborne, *Greece in the Making*, chapter 6, 'Reforming Communities: the Seventh Century'

# Week 7

Primary texts

• Greek Lyric Poetry

Secondary reading

• Osborne, *Greece in the Making*, chapter 7, 'The Greek World in 600 BC'

#### Week 8

Primary text

• Herodotus, books 1 and 3, and book 4, chapters 147 to the end (Herodotus 1, 3, 4.147-end)

Secondary reading

• Osborne, *Greece in the Making*, chapter 8, 'Inter-relating Cities: the Short Sixth Century'

# Week 9

Primary text

• Herodotus 5-6

Secondary reading

• Osborne, *Greece in the Making*, chapter 9, 'The Transformation of Archaic Greece'

# Week 10

Primary text

• Herodotus 7

Secondary reading

• Osborne, *Greece in the Making*: re-read chapter one, especially the section on Cyrene

# Week 11

Primary texts

- Ps-Aristotle, *Constitution of the Athenians (Ath. Pol.)* 5-22 [ed. H. Rackham (Cambridge: Mass, 1952), from the Perseus Project]
- Herodotus 8-9.97