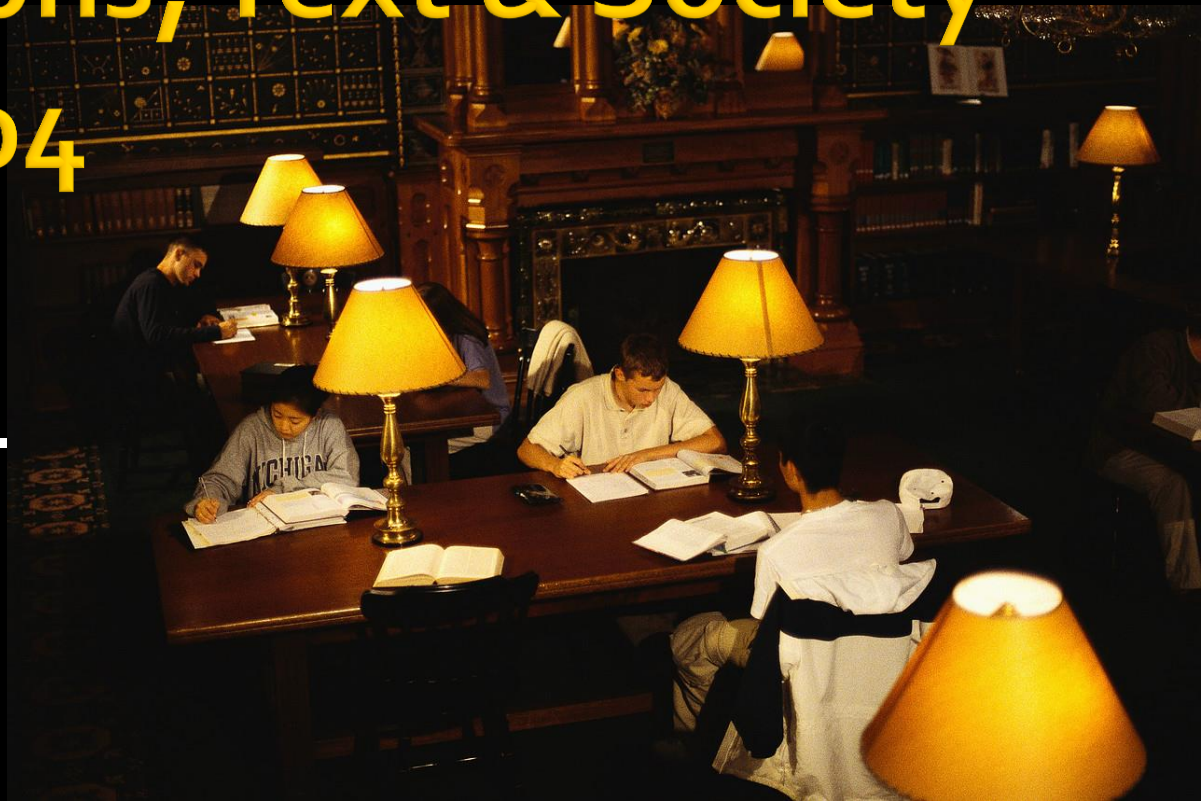


Preparation for Coursework

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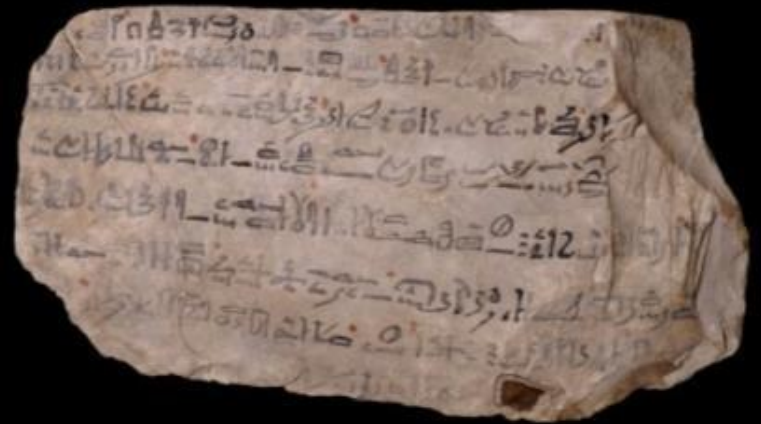


Assessment

- Document Report due November 26th at 3pm
 - 2000 words (50%)
 - Report on extract from Homer: Iliad Book 18.478-606
 - (trans S. Butler:
<http://classics.mit.edu/Homer/iliad.html>)

Document Report

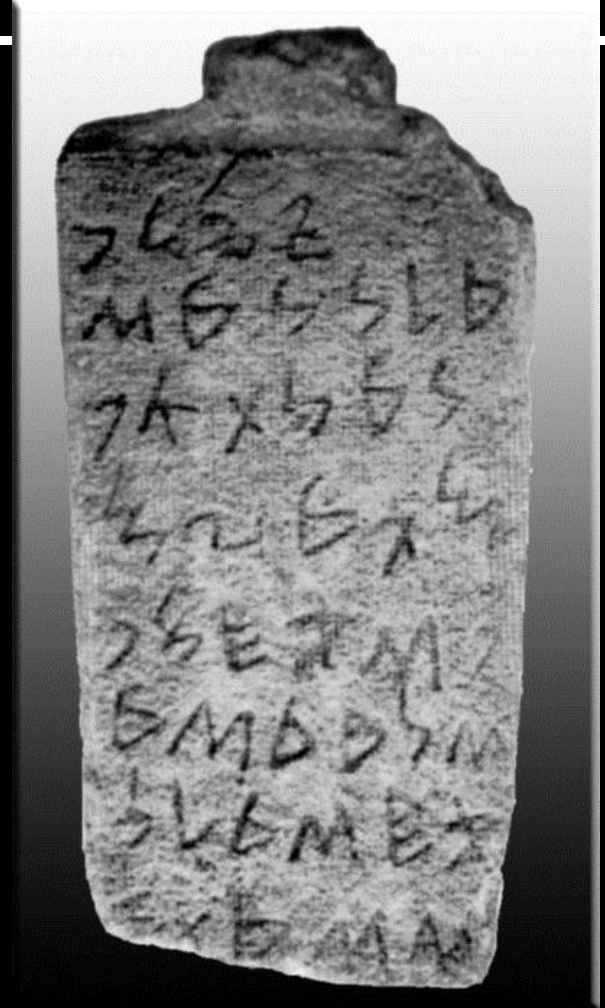
- What is a document report?
- Analysis of a piece of primary literature (in translation)
- You need to demonstrate understanding:
 - Of the text
 - & its historical significance



Egyptian ostraca
Tale of Sinuhe

Why a Document Report?

- Sources produced during the period you are studying are important for a number of reasons
- They are the main source material for (ancient) historians & an important source for archaeologists material
- They enable us to listen to voices from the past



Nora stela

Writing a Document Report

- We do not want you to rewrite the document in your own words
- BUT we do want you to demonstrate knowledge & understanding of its contents
- We want you to write a **meaningful analysis** of the document within its historical context



Athens: tribute list

Points to Consider

- What is the text, when was it written and by whom?
 - Please give this information at the beginning of your report.
- The content – present this clearly in a **short summary** at the beginning of the text.
- The aim of the exercise is for you to analyse the document, **not to paraphrase it**

Points to Consider

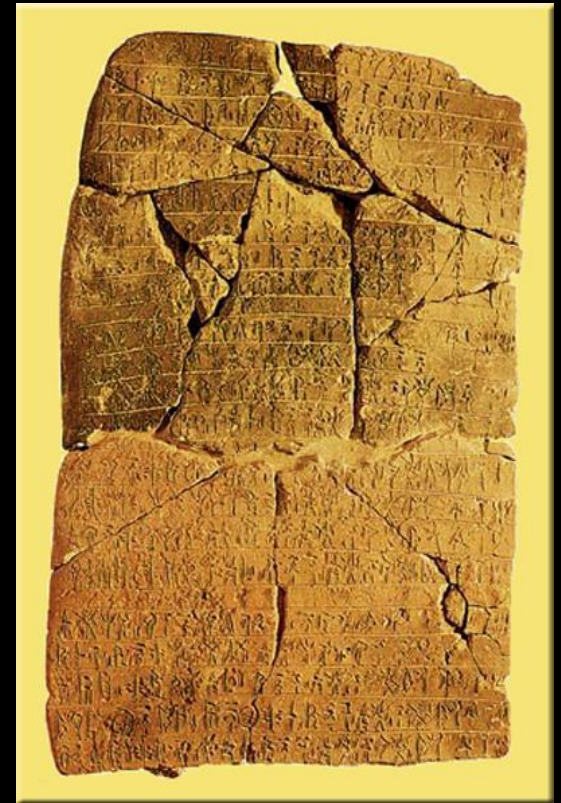
- Who wrote the text?
- How reliable/accurate is their account?
- Can you identify any bias?



Egyptian scribe

Writing a Document Report

- Why has this source survived?
- How reliable is this text as a historical source?
- Can we use it to construct a political history?
- What about a social or economic history?
- How does it correspond with other documents of the period?
- How does it correspond with the archaeological evidence?



Linear B tablet

What are We Looking For?

- Clear focus upon the main issues raised in the document/extract
- Awareness of the social/historical context
- A good & thoughtful analysis
 - Your arguments should be solidly structured
- Evidence that you have been **reading** around the subject

What are We Looking For?

- Good presentation skills
- Clearly written in good English
- Accurate presentation of material
- Presentation to a scholarly standard:
 - A reference list/bibliography & correctly formatted referencing

Any questions?

