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 This is a well written piece of work that presents an overview of the selected texts with interpretive questions & issues of translation at the forefront of some of the concerns that readers should be aware of. It is clear that you've critically engaged with ~~the~~ the texts, although in places there's scope to develop counter-claims (see comments in body of the assignment). I realise, of course, that you're up against a word limit. As it stands, this is a good piece of work and would be very useful to any prospective reader of these texts.

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ANNOTATED BIB.

Use italics for titles.
C.C.W. Taylor (ed.), M. Schofield, From the Beginning to Plato: Routledge History of Philosophy, Vol. 1 (London & New York: Routledge, 2003), ch.2.

Schofield's chapter works best as an introduction to the early Presocratic writers, giving the novice a surprisingly thorough approach to their main philosophical areas of inquiry, showing clearly the theories that they were known for. This chapter starts with Thales, introduces Anaximander and Anaximenes, with asides concerning Theophrastus and Xenophanes, introducing the reader to all of the ancient philosophers that are known to the modern audience as having had an impact upon the ancient tradition (though there is little mention of Parmenides or Heraclitus, as there is in other scholarship looking at this same period, which seems to have been a purposeful omission, placing them later in the canon). This chapter is not brief but has a lot of ground that it must cover; these philosophers had much to say, and there is much to be said in which to give context. This chapter shows the ways in which Thales is seen to be the first to have started to attempt to give some sort of rationalisation for the way of things, showing attempts to measure and quantify that which previously had merely been left up to the gods, and this rational inquiry is the place in which philosophy is believed to have started. ✓

Within this chapter there is much in the way of *pa* clear assessment of the views that the ancient thinkers put forth, such as Anaximander's theory of *apeiron*, and the views held at the time that the earth was flat (or shaped like a drum, ~~as to hold to referencing~~).