



Persia and Kingship

HPAH5027/6027 – HERODOTUS AND HIS HISTORIES

Aims

- ▶ Article discussion – Munson's 'Who Are Herodotus' Persians?'
- ▶ Workshop – terminology
- ▶ Persian Court structures
- ▶ Characterisation of Xerxes

Article discussion

Please write down:

- ▶ Summary of Munson's argument in one sentence
- ▶ What is your position and why?

Further reading

- ▶ Baragwenath, E. 2015, 'Characterization in Herodotus'. Chapter in *Fame and Infamy: Essays for Christopher Pelling*.
- ▶ Curtis, J. and Simpson, S.J. 2010, *The World of Achaemenid Persia: history, art and society in Iran and the ancient Near East*. London: I.B. Tauris.
- ▶ Hekster, O. and Fowler, R. (eds.) (2005) *Imaginary Kings: Royal Images in the Ancient Near East, Greece, and Rome*.
- ▶ Kurht, A. 2007, *The Persian Empire: a corpus of sources of the Achaemenid period*. London: Routledge.
- ▶ Llewellyn-Jones, L. (2013) *King and Court in Ancient Persia 559 to 331 BCE*.
- ▶ Sancisi-Weerdenburg, H. W. A. M. (1989) "The Personality of Xerxes, King of Kings", in Meyer, L. de and Haerinck, E. (eds.) (1989) *Archaeologia Iranica et Orientalis: Miscellanea in Honorem Louis Vanden Berghe*, 549-60. Ghent. Reprinted in Bakker, de Jong and van Wees (2002), 579-90.