

Seminar 1: Herodotus vs. Thucydides

Read:

Thucydides *History of the Peloponnesian War* Book 1 [Available from Perseus DL: <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/cgi-bin/ptext?lookup=Thuc.+1.1.1>, ICS: <http://classics.mit.edu/Thucydides/pelopwar.1.first.html> and Peitho's Web: <http://www.classicpersuasion.org/pw/thucydides/jthucbk1rv2.htm>] OR in the Library

Herodotus: *Histories* Book 2 [Available from Perseus: <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=Perseus%3Atext%3A1999.01.0126%3Abook%3D2%3Achapter%3D1%3Asection%3D1> ; ICS: <http://classics.mit.edu/Herodotus/history.2.ii.html>] OR in the Library

Cawkwell, G. *Thucydides and the Peloponnesian War* London 1997, Chapter 2.
[Available from NetLibrary: www.netlibrary.com, via Athens, <http://www.athensams.net/myathens/>]

West, S. "Rhampsinitos and the Clever Thief (Herodotus 2.121)" in Marincola, J. *A Companion to Greek and Roman Historiography*. Oxford 2007, 322-327. [Dawson Era ebooks: <http://www.dawsonera.com/depp/reader/protected/external/EBookView/S9780470766286/S392>]

Issues to Consider:

What was Thucydides' methodology?

What was Herodotus' methodology?

Was Thucydides biased?

Was Herodotus biased?

How should you approach the speeches in Thucydides?

What are the key differences between Herodotus and Thucydides' methodologies?

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO BRIEFLY PRESENT ON ONE OR ALL OF THESE TOPICS
SO COME PREPARED!!