



Chapter 4 A
The Civilization
of the Greeks



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HI 103 – World History

History 103

World History to 1500

August 30	On-line Quiz (11:50 pm) Chapter 4 <i>LATE but not too late</i>
September 2	Article 1 Review due
September 8 ?	Review Session (location and time TBD)
September 9	Exam 1 (CH. 1-4)
September 18	Smithsonian Museum Day
September 21	Article 2 selection deadline (Chapters 5 – 7)
September 28	Article 2 Review due
October 7	Lecture at USS AL by author of “Speed”, the biography of test pilot Bob Gilliland – first man to fly the SR-71



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museum day

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USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park



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The Grand Canal: 1,100 mile canal to move food and other produces from south to north China.

Combination of rivers, lakes and canals that includes locks

**First section begun in 486 BC.
Majority completed by 600 AD (Sui Dynasty).**

**South–North Water Transfer Project
(21st century project, \$30 billion will move 11 trillion gal./year)**



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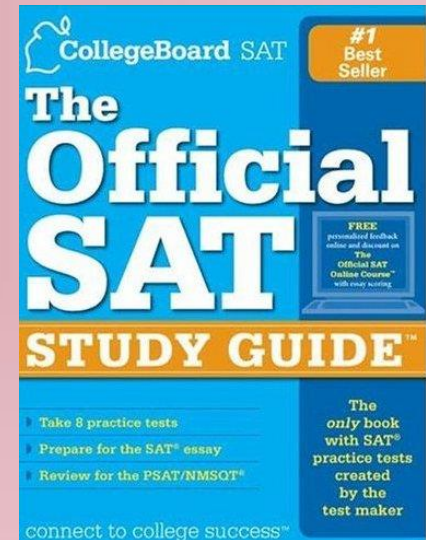
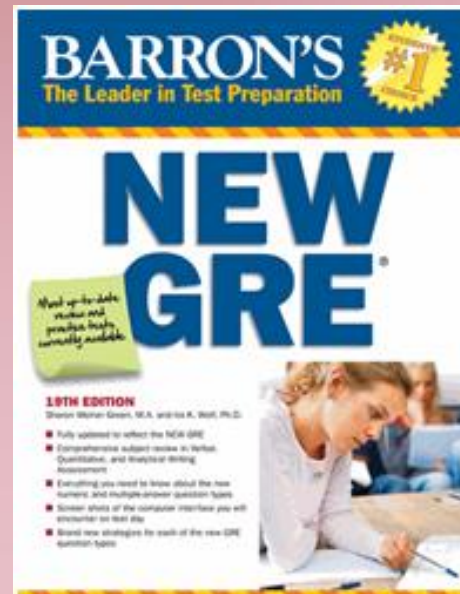
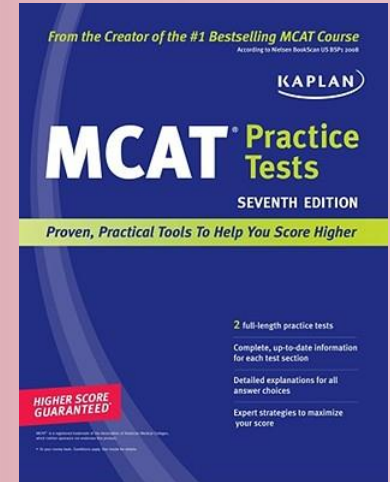
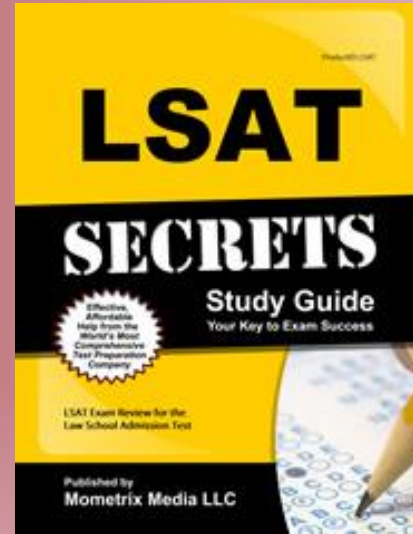
CHRONOLOGY Ancient China

Xia dynasty	?–c. 1570 B.C.E.
Shang dynasty	c. 1570–c. 1045 B.C.E.
Zhou dynasty	c. 1045–221 B.C.E.
Life of Confucius	551–479 B.C.E.
Period of the Warring States	403–221 B.C.E.
Life of Mencius	370–290 B.C.E.
Qin dynasty	221–206 B.C.E.
Life of the First Emperor of Qin	259–210 B.C.E.
→ Han Dynasty	202 B.C.E.–221 C.E.

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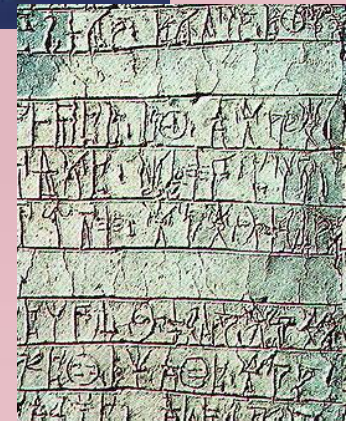
Civil Service Examination

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Crete and Early Greece (ca. 2,000 – 1,100 BC)



Minoan Civilization
"the first link in the European chain." - Durant



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Greek Geography Shape its history

Geography of Greece
(rugged mountains,
limited farm land)

- isolated cities
- independent
- lacking a central ruler

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Mycenaean Civilization

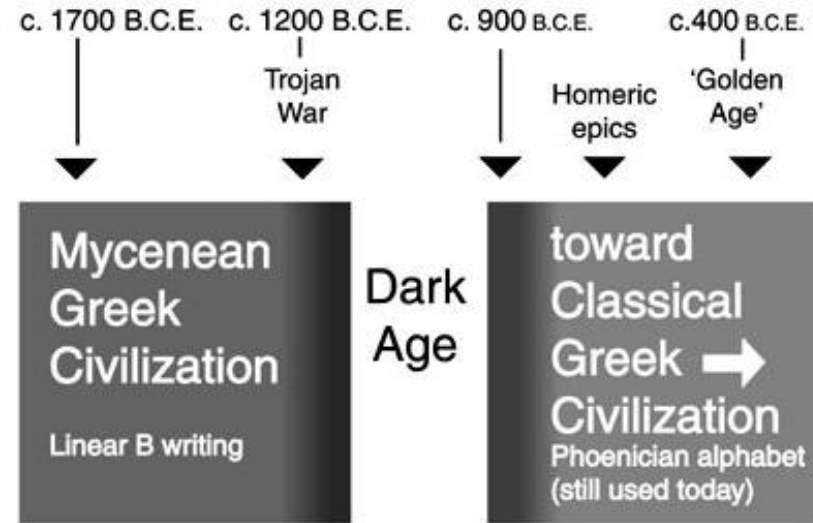
“Real Greeks”

The guys Homer wrote about

Power ended by the “Sea-Peoples”

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The Greek Dark Ages



Homer's *Iliad* & *Odyssey*

400 years after the events
Standardization of oral traditions

Gave Greeks an idealized history

Heroic / Aristocratic Virtue

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The discovery of Troy

“little archaeological evidence”

Heinrich Schliemann - 1868

Beginning of Archaeology as a science



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The Polis

(city-state – civitas)

Self-Government

- * lacked a priestly class
- * Geography

King

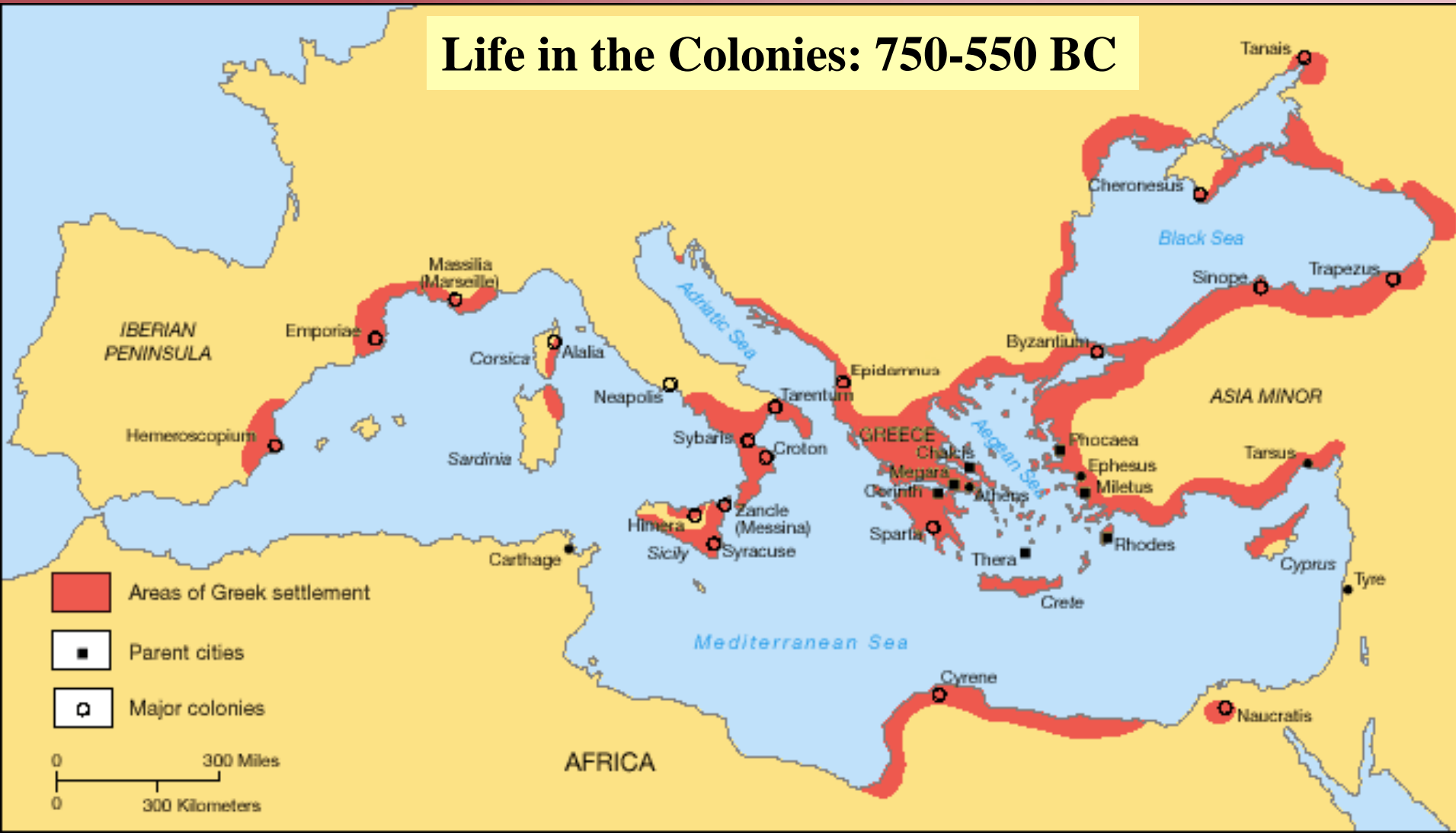
Oligarchy

Citizen Assembly



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Life in the Colonies: 750-550 BC



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“We are Sparta”

300



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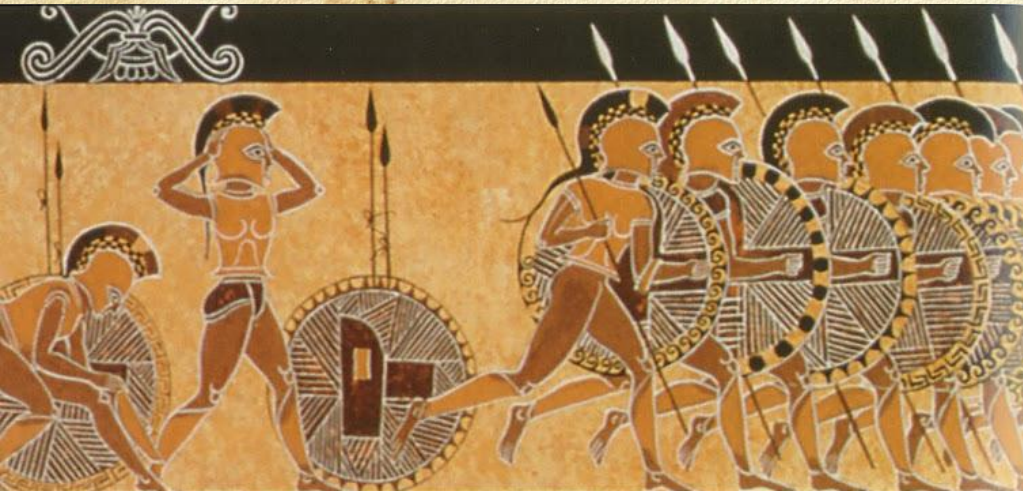
“We are Cartoon Characters”

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Rise of Sparta

Boys

- Age 7 – go to live in barracks
- Age 12 – Spartan training truly begins
- Age 18 – two years in secret police
- Age 20 – enter army
- Age 30 – full citizen
- Age 50 – able to move home



“We are Sparta”

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Spartan Social Structure



1 SPARTIATES

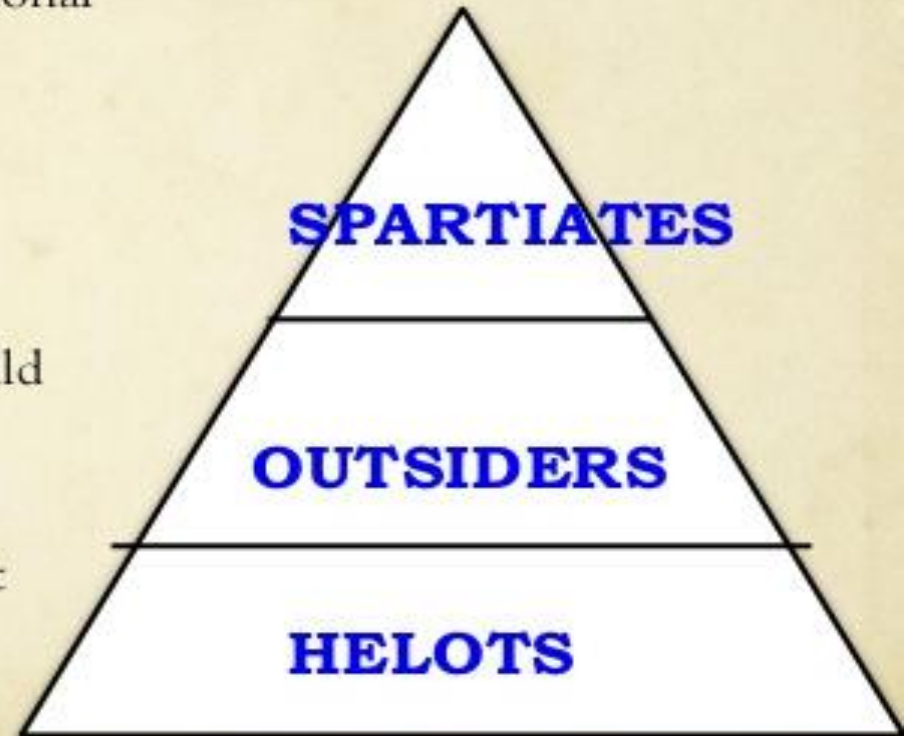
- Spartan men; warriors and professional citizens
- Had full citizenship and rights

2 OUTSIDERS/PERIOECI

- Foreigners (people born outside of Sparta)
- Considered to be free men but could NOT vote or serve in the army

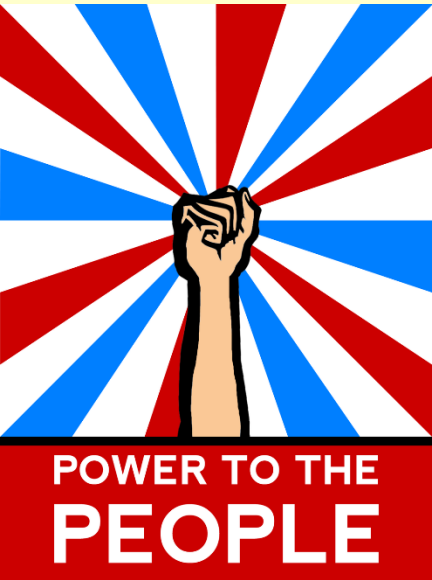
3 HELOTS

- Individuals who had fought against Sparta and lost
- Treated like slaves
- No rights

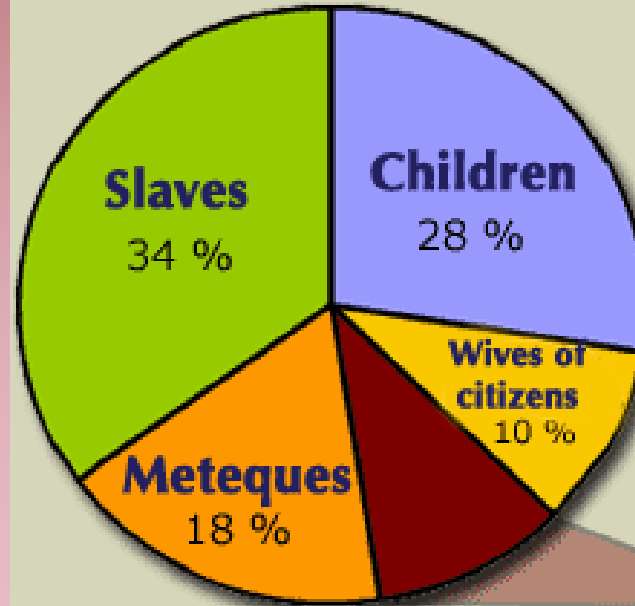


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Athens- Mother of Democracy



The population in Athens
500 B.C.



Who has the right to vote in Athens?



(foreign residents)

Citizens
10%

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Classical Greek Culture (500-323 BC)

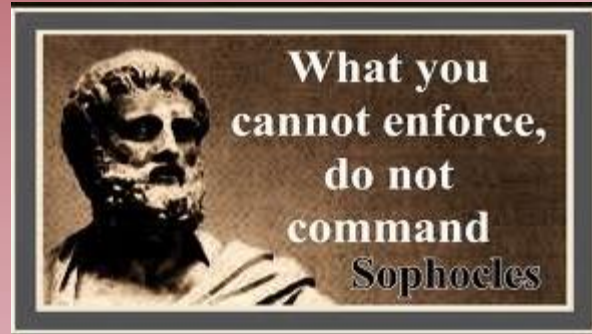
Philosophy, Physics and Plays

Sophocles

Euripides

Herodotus

Thucydides



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The First Historians

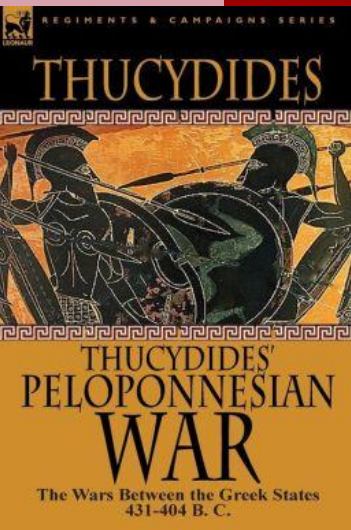
Herodotus: Greek historian who wrote the history of the Persian Wars; the “father of history”

Thucydides: Greek historian who wrote *History of the Peloponnesian War*

THE
HISTORIES



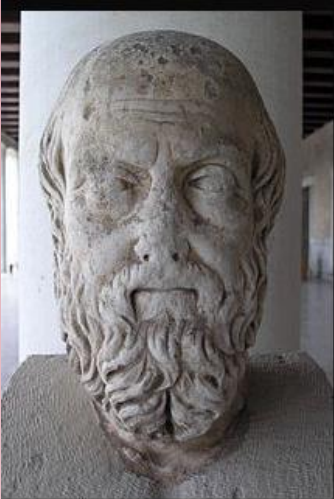
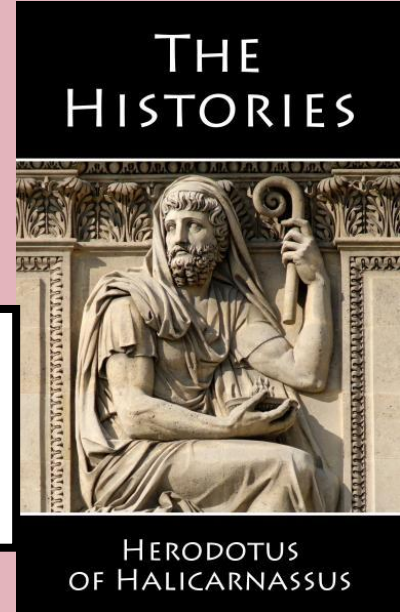
HERODOTUS
HALICARNASSUS



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The First Historians

Herodotus- master storyteller
First “real” history in Western Civilization



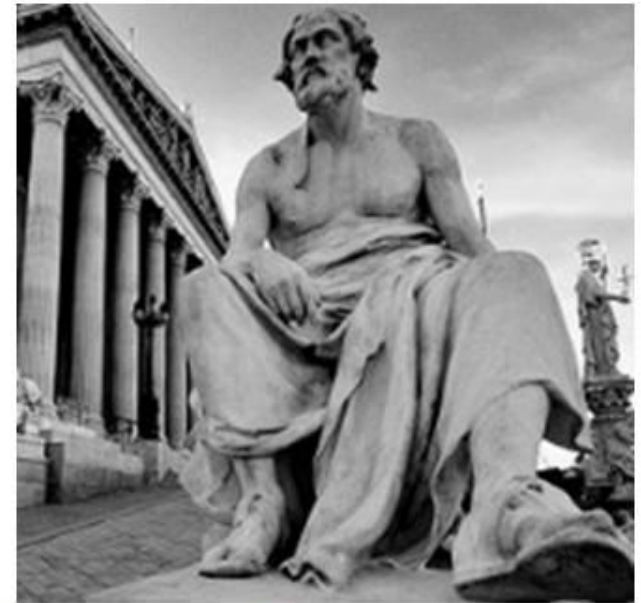
He is the best man who, when making his plans, fears and reflects on everything that can happen to him, but in the moment of action is bold.

(Herodotus)

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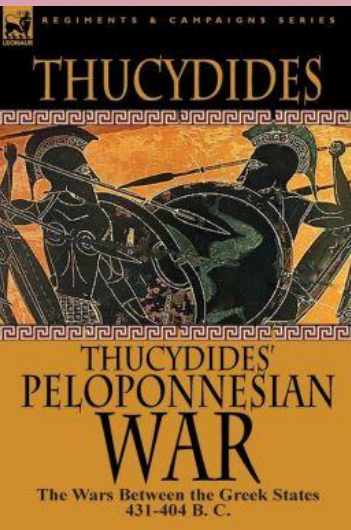
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Thucydides- viewed war and politics in rational terms as activities of humans. Emphasized accuracy and precision of facts.



“The society that separates scholars from its warriors will have its thinking done by cowards and its fighting done by fools.”

~ Thucydides



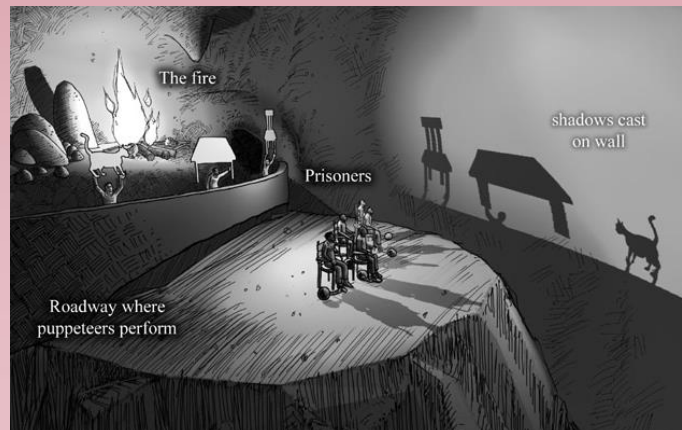
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Classical Greek Culture (500-323 BC)

Socrates – ethics and questions

Plato – writer and *reality*

Aristotle – natural philosophy



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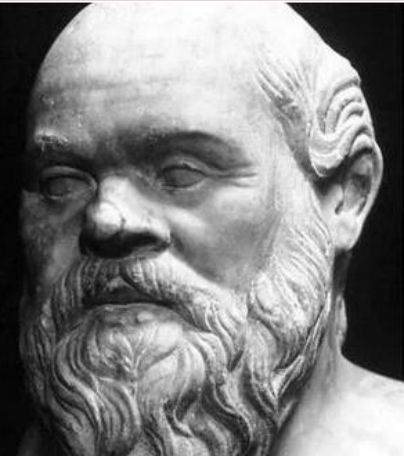
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Socrates



I cannot teach anybody anything.
I can only make them think.”

- Socrates



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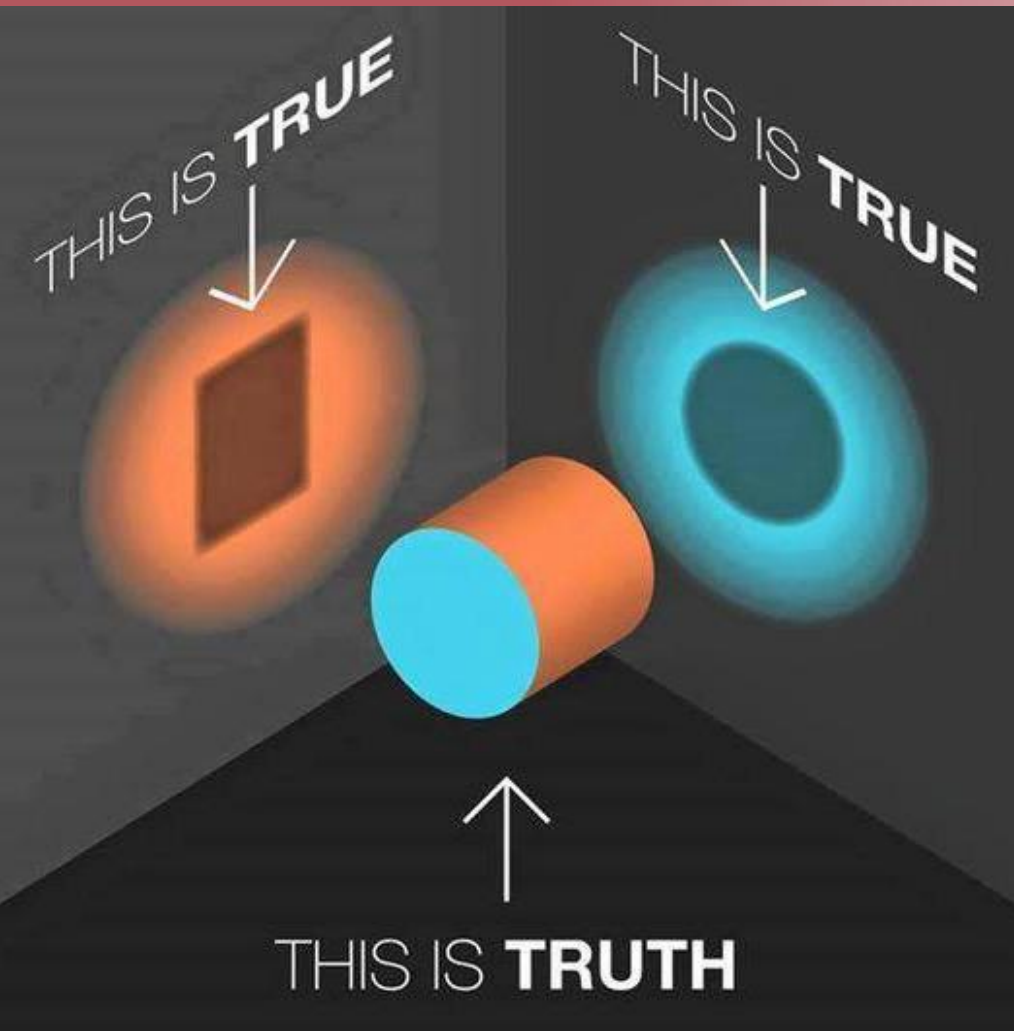
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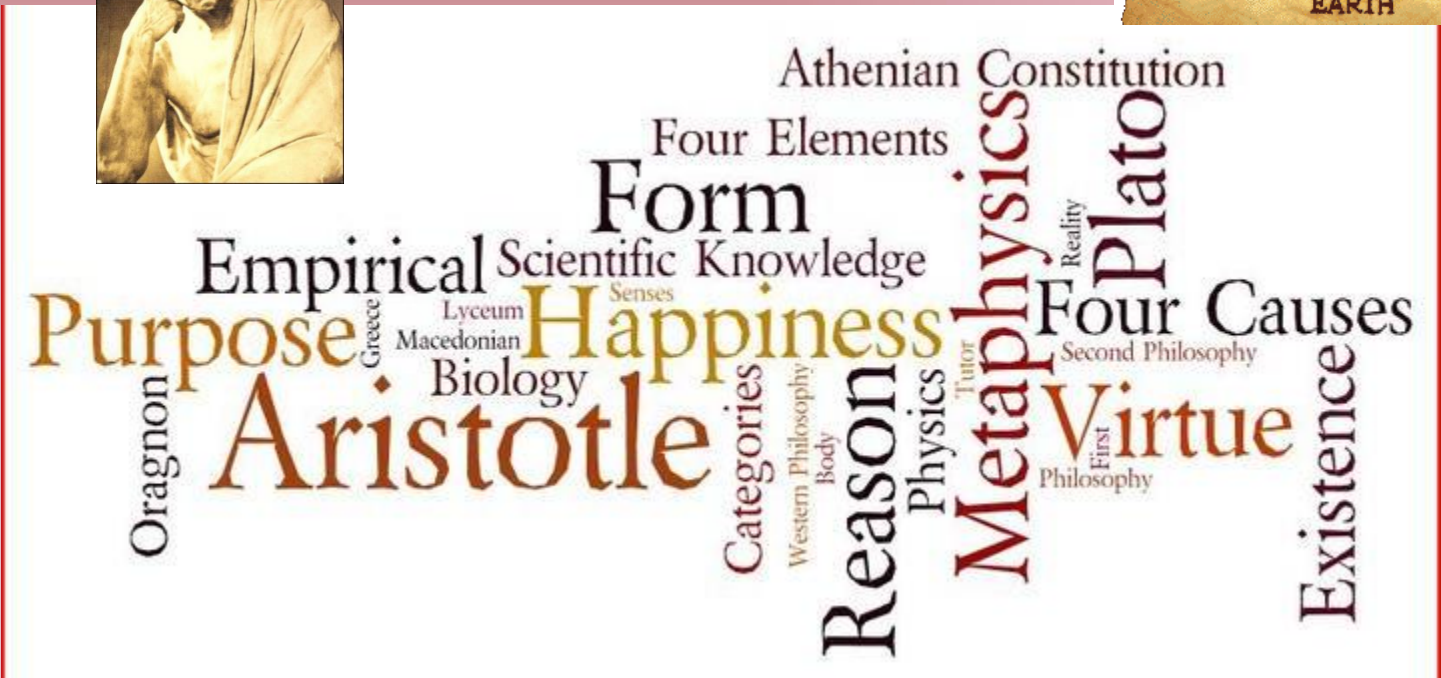
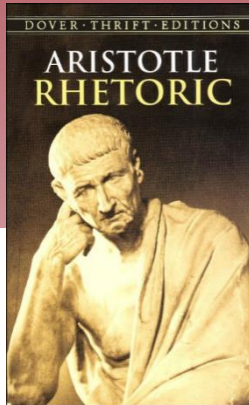
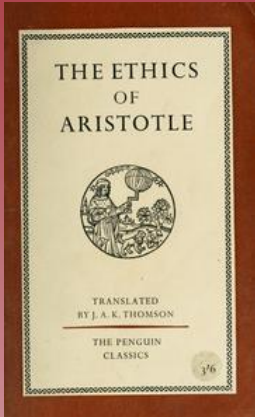
Plato

writer and *reality*

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Philosophy and Physics

Aristotle



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The Western War of War

-- Victor Davis Hanson



MOVIE VERSION
“playing loose with history”

Hoplite

(*hopla* = Greek shield)

Citizen-Soldier

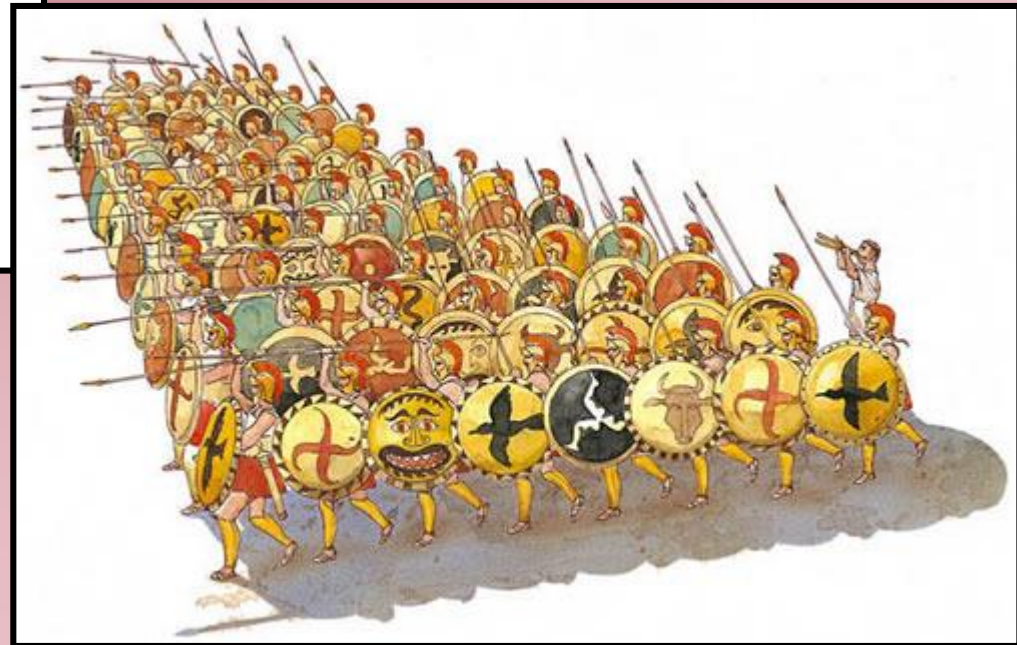
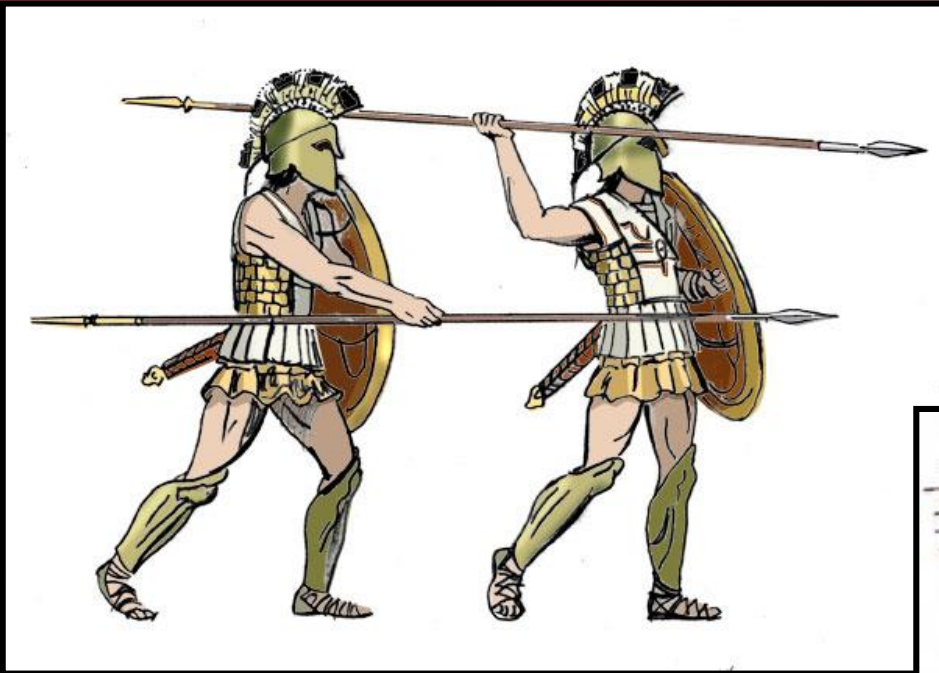
Phalanx

Battles not Wars



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Hoplite Warfare



“With your shield, or on it.”

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IONIAN REVOLT

- **Persia took control of all Greek city-states along coast of Asia Minor in 547 BC**
 - **Region known as Ionia**
- **Ionian city-states rebelled against Persian rule in 499 BC**
 - **Sought aid from mainland Greece**
 - **Only Athens and Eretria responded**
 - **This aid allowed Ionian city-states to put up fierce resistance to Persians**
 - **But revolt was nonetheless defeated by 494 BC**



Next Up... Chapter 4B – Greeks at War – Persian I & II / Peloponnesian

