

Greek 0103: Greek Historians

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In the Histories Herodotus writes that the aim of his inquiry is to write about human deeds so that they will not be forgotten and lose their glory. Herodotus is considered the father of history because he was the first to collect his material systematically, and Greece is the place where historiography was born. The aim of this course is to read ancient Greek historians in the original language and explore characteristics and forms of Greek historical thinking from its first expressions in the Homeric epics down to the Hellenistic age. Students will read extensive passages of Herodotus, Thucydides, Xenophon, and Polybius. They will also learn Athenian local historiography reading the so called fragmentary historians, whose works are preserved only through quotations by other surviving authors. The aim is to learn to identify citations and testimonies of lost historians and explore the concept of fragmentary historiography. Students will also use new digital technologies for encoding and representing Greek texts and citations of lost historians. *Satisfies the Humanities Distribution Requirement.* **Prerequisite: Greek 7 or equivalent.**