

## READING LIST FOR M.A. COMPREHENSIVE EXAM GREEK HISTORY

The following list offers required readings and choices for the M.A. in Classical Antiquities, Special Field examination in Greek History. Students are expected to consult with an advisor and finalize a list which will form the basis of their special field examination.

### I) General Reading

You should read Pomeroy, Burstein, Donlan, Roberts, *Ancient Greece: A Political, Social, and Cultural History* for a general overview of Greek history. You should also read (or reread) the following translated ancient sources:

Herodotus, *The Landmark Histories* with all appendices and introduction.

Thucydides, *The Landmark Thucydides* with all appendices and introduction.

Xenophon, *The Landmark Xenophon's Hellenika* with all appendices and introduction.

J. M. Moore (ed.), *Aristotle and Xenophon on Democracy and Oligarchy* with commentary and introductions.

W. Robert Connor (ed.), *Greek Orations* with introductions.

Plutarch, *The Rise and Fall of Athens* or Plutarch, *The Age of Alexander* with introductions.

P. R. McKechnie and S. J. Kern (eds) *Hellenica Oxyrhynchia* with introductions and commentary.

N.B.: To get the most out of these readings you should read the overview (A) in close conjunction with the ancient sources (B).

### II) Inscriptions

In consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee, you should select two important inscriptions from *Translated Documents of Greece and Rome 1: Archaic Times to the End of the Peloponnesian War* (ed. Charles W. Fornara) or *Greek Historical Inscriptions 403-323* (eds. P. J. Rhodes and Robin Osborne). You should study the two inscriptions carefully and read two or three of the recommended articles about each.

**III) Important Thematic Books** □ In consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee you should select four of the following books to read:

David Cohen, *Law Violence and Community in Classical Athens*

W. R. Connor, *Thucydides*

M. I. Finley, *Economy and Society in Ancient Greece* (ed. Shaw and Saller)

Victor Hanson, *The Other Greeks*

François Hartog, *The Mirror of Herodotus: The Representation of the Other in the Writing of History*

Gabriel Herman, *Ritualised Friendship and the Greek City*

Josiah Ober, *Mass and Elite in Democratic Athens*

Pierre Vidal-Naquet, *The Black Hunter: Forms of Thought and Forms of Society in*

*the Greek World*

Narrative history chapters from *one* volume of the *Cambridge Ancient History*

- a) CAH III.3<sup>2</sup> Chapters 37, 38, 42, 43, 44
- b) CAH IV<sup>2</sup> Chapters 2, 4, 5, 8-11
- c) CAH V.2 Chapters 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11
- d) CAH VI.2 Chapters 2, 4, 6, 7, 14, 15, 16
- e) CAH VII.12 Chapters 2, 4, 5.i-iii, 7, 11, 12□

**IV) Special Periods and Topics** □ You should select one special period or topic from the following eight in consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee. The list of topics is not meant to be comprehensive, so you are welcome, in consultation with your professor, to research and design your own special topic, a somewhat more difficult proposition. □

**1) History in Homer**

**Primary texts**

Review Homer, *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*.

**Secondary readings**□

Read the following:

M. I. Finley, *The World of Odysseus*.

W. Kullmann, "History in Homer," in A. Rengakos, ed., *Realität, Imagination und Theorie. Kleine Schriften zu Epos und Tragödie in der Antike* (Stuttgart, 2002).

A. M. Snodgrass, "An Historical Homeric Society?" *JHS* 94 (1974) 114-125.

Ian Morris, "The Use and Abuse of Homer," in *Oxford Readings in Homer's Iliad* (ed. D. L. Cairns) 57-91.

Ian Morris and Barry Powell (eds), *A New Companion to Homer* (chapters on Homeric Society, Homeric Warfare, Homeric Ethics, Homer and the Iron Age, Homer and the Bronze Age).

Robin Osborne, *Greece in the Making, 1200-479 BC*, pp. 1-160.

Joachim Latacz, *Troy and Homer: Towards a Solution of an Old Mystery* (trans. Kevin Windle and Rosh Ireland).

**2) Athenian Democracy**

**Primary sources**

Dillon, M. – Garland, L. 2010. *The Ancient Greeks. History and Culture from Archaic Times to the Death of Alexander*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. London – NY – you are expected to have studied chapters 1; 8; 10; 12; 13

P.J. Rhodes, *The Athenian Constitution* / Aristotle ; translated with introduction and notes, Harmondsworth 1984.

**Secondary readings**

A. Required

Forrest, W. G. 1966. *The emergence of Greek democracy, 800-400 B.C.*, NY

## **B. Historical section**

Choose one:

Kagan, D. 1991. *Pericles of Athens and the Birth of Democracy*. NY

Hansen, M.H. 1991. *The Athenian Democracy in the Age of Demosthenes. Structure, Principles and Ideology*, Oxford, chapters 6-13, p. 125-320

You have to be familiar with five contributions from this list, some of which might be substituted after consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee

Ostwald, M. 1986. *From Popular Sovereignty to the Sovereignty of Law, Law, Society, and Politics in Fifth-Century Athens*, Berkeley, ch. 1, p. 3-83

Rosivach, V.J. 1992. "Redistribution of Land in Solon, Fragment 34 West," *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 112, 153-157.

Hansen, M.H. 1989. "Solonian Democracy in Fourth-Century" in W.R. Connor, *Aspects of Athenian Democracy* (Classica Et Mediaevalia, Dissertationes). Copenhagen, 71-99

Develin, R.- Kilmer, M. 1997. "What Kleisthenes did", *Historia* 46: 3-18

A. Boegehold, 1995. *The Lawcourts at Athens: Sites, Buildings, Equipment, Procedure, and Testimonia. The Athenian Agora*, in: *The American School of Classical Studies*, vol. 28, Princeton

Versnel, H.S., 1995. *Religion and Democracy*, in: Walter Eder (Hrsg.), *Die athenische Demokratie im 4. Jahrhundert v. Chr. Vollendung oder Verfall einer Verfassungsform?* Stuttgart, 367-388

Yunis, H. 1988. *Law, Politics, and the Graphe paranomon in Fourth-century Athens*, *GRBS* 29 361-382

## **C. Perception**

### **Primary Sources:**

Ps. Xenophon *Ath. Pol.*

Plato *Rep.* book VIII

Arist. *Pol.* III ch.s 1; 6-8; 11; IV ch.s 4-6; 12; VI ch. 4

### **Secondary Material (choose one):**

Ober, J. 1998. *Political dissent in democratic Athens : intellectual critics of popular rule*. Princeton

Rowe, Ch.- Schofield, M. 2000. *The Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Political Thought. Cambridge. Chapters 10; 18*

## **3) The Athenian Empire**

### **Primary texts**

Review Thucydides, *The History of the Peloponnesian War*.

Review Xenophon, *The Landmark Xenophon's Hellenika*, books 1 and 2.

### **Secondary readings**

a) Read the following books:

Simon Hornblower, *Thucydides*

Polly Low (ed.), *The Athenian Empire*.

Russell Meiggs, *The Athenian Empire*, chapters 1-3, 8, 11-12.  
Harold B. Mattingly, *The Athenian empire restored : epigraphic and historical studies*, forward, introduction, chapters 21, and 27.  
Loren Samons II (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to the Age of Pericles*, chapters 1-4, 8, 10, 11.

#### 4) The (short) Fourth Century (404-322)

##### Primary texts

Review Xenophon, *The Landmark Xenophon's Hellenika* with all appendices and introduction.  
Review Connor (ed.) *Greek Orations*.  
Review Plutarch, *The Age of Alexander*, Agesilaus, Pelopidas, Demosthenes, Phocion.

##### Secondary readings

a) Read the following books:

Lawrence Tritle (ed.), *The Greek world in the fourth century: from the fall of the Athenian Empire to the successors of Alexander*  
Cargill, J. (1981) *The Second Athenian League: Empire or Free Alliance?*  
G. L. Cawkwell, *Philip of Macedon* (with Phillip Harding's review in *Phoenix* 33: 173-178).

b) Read the following articles:

Ernst Badian, "The ghost of empire: reflections on Athenian foreign policy in the fourth century BC," in *Die athenische Demokratie im 4. Jahrhundert v. Chr.: Vollendung oder Verfall einer Verfassungsform*, (ed. W. Eder), 79-106.  
G. T. Griffith, "Athens in the fourth century" in Garnsey and Whittaker, eds., *Imperialism in the Ancient World*.  
G. L. Cawkwell, "The crowning of Demosthenes," *CQ* 19 (1969) 163-180.  
Phillip Harding, "Rhetoric and politics in fourth-century Athens," *Phoenix* 41: 23-39.  
Phillip Harding, "Athenian foreign policy in the fourth century," *Klio* 77: 105-125.

#### 5) Alexander the Great

##### Primary texts

Read *Alexander the Great : historical texts in translation* (edited by Waldemar Heckel and J. C. Yardley)

##### Secondary readings

a) Read one of the following books:

Peter Green, *Alexander of Macedon, 356-323 B.C.: a historical biography*  
A. B. Bosworth, *Conquest and Empire: The Reign of Alexander the Great*

b) Read the following articles and book sections:

Ernst Badian, "Alexander the Great and the Loneliness of Power," in *Studies in Greek and Roman History* 192-205.  
A. B. Bosworth, *Alexander and the East: The Tragedy of Triumph*, "The Justification of Terror," 133-165.

Eugene Borza, "Fire from heaven: Alexander at Persepolis" and "The Royal Macedonian tombs and the paraphernalia of Alexander the Great" in Eugene Borza, *Makedonika*.

Eugene Borza, *In the Shadow of Olympus: The Emergence of Macedon* 198-252

Donald W. Engels, *Alexander the Great and the Logistics of the Macedonian Army* 1-25.

Jeanne Reames-Zimmerman, "An Atypical Affair. . ." *Ancient History Bulletin* 13.3 (1999) 81-95.

Joseph Roisman (ed.), *Brill's Companion to Alexander the Great*, chapters 1, 3-10

## 6) Warfare and Society

### Primary texts

*Aineias the Tactician: How to Survive under Siege* (ed. and trans. David Whitehead)

Michael Sage (ed.), *Warfare in Ancient Greece: A Sourcebook*

### Secondary readings

a) Read the following books

Victor Hanson, *The Western Way of War*

Victor Hanson (ed.), *Hoplites : the Classical Greek Battle Experience*, introduction and essays 3, 6-9.

P. Sabin, H. V. Wees and M. Whitby (eds.) *The Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Warfare. Volume I: Greece, the Hellenistic World and the Rise of Rome* chapters 5, 8-9, 11, 14-15.

Hans Van Wees, *Greek Warfare: Myths and Realities*

J. E. Lendon, *Soldiers and Ghosts* 1-161

## 7) The Ancient Economy

### Primary texts

Xenophon, *Ways and Means (Poroi)* and *Oeconomicus*

### Secondary readings

a) Read the following:

M. I. Finley, *The Ancient Economy (1999 edition with forward by Ian Morris)*

Ed Cohen, *The Athenian Economy, A Banking Perspective*

Robin Osborne, *Classical Landscape with Figures*

D. W. Tandy, *Warriors into Traders* with *BMCR* review by David Schaps.

Paul Cartledge, Edward Cohen, and Lin Foxhall (eds), *Money, Labour and Land: Approaches to the economies of ancient Greece*

Walter Scheidel and Sitta von Reden (eds.), *The Ancient Economy*, chapters 1-3, 5-7, 11-12

## 8) Sparta

### Primary texts

Review Xenophon, "The Politeia of the Spartans" in *Aristotle And Xenophon On Democracy And Oligarchy* (ed. J. M. Moore).

Review Plutarch, "Lycurgus," "Lysander," and "Agesilaus."

### **Secondary readings**

a) Read the following books:

Paul Cartledge, *Sparta and Lakonia: A Regional History, 1300-362 BC*

Paul Cartledge, *Agesilaos and the Crisis of Sparta, chapters 1-3, 6, 10-11, 17-22*

b) In consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee select ten articles to read from the following collections:

A. Powell (ed.), *Classical Sparta: Techniques behind her Success*

A. Powell and S. Hodkinson (eds.), *The Shadow of Sparta*

N. Luraghi and S. Alcock, *Helots and Their Masters in Laconia and Messenia:*

*Histories, Ideologies, Structures*

## **9) Male Homosexuality**

### **Primary texts**

Thomas Hubbard (ed.), *Homosexuality in Greece and Rome. A Sourcebook of Basic Documents*, 1-307.

### **Secondary readings**

Read the following books, essays, and reviews:

K.J. Dover, *Greek Homosexuality*

David M. Halperin, *One Hundred Years of Homosexuality*, essays 1, 2, 3, 6.

J. K. Winkler, *The Constraints of Desire* essays 1, 2, 3, 5.

David Cohen, *Law, Sexuality, and Society: The Enforcement of Morals in Classical Athens*

James Davidson, *The Greeks and Greek Love: A Radical Reappraisal of Homosexuality in Ancient Greece*

Reviews of Davidson by Verstraete and Hubbard (via the Verstraete review) are best accessed at <http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2009/2009-11-03.html> which provides Davidson's response.