

Professor Warner
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Roosevelt University
Philosophy 371

Herodotus

Course Description

This is a one-book course on Herodotus's *History*—a prose work that is at the same time historical, literary, anthropological, ethnographical, sociological, and philosophical. The themes of the *History* are timely because they are timeless: freedom; slavery; tyranny; oppression; war; diversity; national character; the power of speech and the power of deed; generation and corruption; nature and custom; and eros and its perversions.

Books

Herodotus, *The History* (Grene translation)

Herodotus, *The Landmark Herodotus* (Purvis translation)

Reading Assignments (by book and section in Herodotus)

January 26	1.1-30
February 2	1.31-95
February 9	1.96-216
February 16	2.1-2.98
February 23	2.99-3.38
March 2	3.39-3.160
March 9	4.1-205
March 23	5.1-126
March 30	6.1-140
April 6	7.1-107
April 13	7.108-239

April 20: Lecture by Professor Clifford Orwin: "Herodotus and Athenian Democracy."
Sullivan Room (2nd floor), 4:00 P.M.

April 27	8.1-144
May 4	9.1-122