



Sample Reading Lists for HON 1003 Ancient Greek Culture

For at least 25 years, Honors scholars have begun their Honors studies by reading Homer's *The Iliad* over the summer.

One semester, students read the following poets, playwrights and philosophers to examine the role of *arête* and *logos* in ancient Greek life.

Homer, <i>The Odyssey</i>	Aristophanes, <i>Lysistrata</i>
Aeschylus, <i>Oresteia</i>	Plato, <i>Apology of Socrates</i>
Sophocles, <i>Oedipus Tyrannus</i>	Plato, <i>Phaedrus</i>
Sophocles, <i>Philoctetes</i>	Aristotle, <i>The Nicomachean Ethics</i>
Euripides, <i>Hecuba</i> , and <i>The Bacchae</i>	Epictetus, <i>The Handbook</i>

In a different year, the seminar focused on the question, "What makes a person virtuous?" by engaging these readings:

Homer, <i>The Iliad</i> and <i>The Odyssey</i>	Aristophanes, <i>Lysistrata</i> , and <i>Women at the Thesmophoria</i>
Aeschylus, <i>Prometheus Bound</i> , and <i>The Oresteia</i>	Plato, <i>Apology</i>
Sophocles, <i>Theban Plays</i>	Gorgias, <i>Encomium to Helen</i>
Herodotus, <i>The Histories</i>	Plato, <i>Gorgias</i>
Euripides, <i>Phoenician Women</i> , <i>Bacchae</i> , and <i>Iphigenia at Aulis</i>	

In yet a different year, the seminar attended to the intertwined themes of war and law, reading:

Aeschylus, <i>Persians</i>	Homer, <i>The Iliad</i> and <i>The Odyssey</i>
Aristophanes, <i>Lysistrata</i>	Plato, <i>The Republic</i>
Edith Hamilton, <i>Mythology</i>	Aristotle, <i>The Nicomachean Ethics</i>
Herodotus, <i>The History</i>	

Other readings engaged by students in HON 1003 have included:

Euripides, *Trojan Women*
Aristophanes, *Frogs*
Thucydides, *Peloponnesian War*
Plato, *Symposium*
Gorgias, "Defence of Palamedes"
Isocrates, *Antidosis*