

ANCIENT GREEK HISTORY AND CULTURE

A SERIES OF TALKS AND STUDY FOR THE INTELLIGENT AND LIVELY MINDED



Ancient Greece - have you ever wanted to know about its history, culture, or its literature? Have you ever wanted to find out how its history has had such a crucial impact on modern western ideas, government and culture? Who were Herodotos, Thucydides, Perikles, and Leonidas? What really went on at Thermopylae and what was the Peloponnesian War?

The Nuneaton and Bedworth U3A are providing a series of talks and an associated course of study to explore this subject. The talks start at the time of Agamemnon, Achilles and Troy, and finish at the time of the coming of the Romans. The duration of this course is fixed with a beginning and an end – the interest

group is not an on-going activity and the series of talks has a duration of about 12-15 months. We have formal talks, literature and play readings of the ancient authors, talks on the archaeology of the region, a modern travelogue of the sites that still exist, and discussions on the influence of ancient Greek culture on modern day issues.



No experience or prior knowledge are required just interest, enthusiasm, and a lively and enquiring mind. The structure and syllabus given below is not fixed and we can modify and

develop the subject in the direction of interest of the group members.

If you are interested please contact BNB U3A (details given below or via the web-site).



The Series of Talks

1. Ancient Greece - an introduction
2. The Late Bronze Age in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Cycladian Pre-Cursor
3. The Late Bronze Age in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Minoan Pre-Cursor
4. The Late Bronze Age in the Eastern Mediterranean
Mycenaean Civilisations
5. The Greek Dark Ages
6. Homer and the Greek World
7. The Rise of the Polis and the Greek Diaspora
8. Early Athenian Politics and democracy
9. Early Sparta
10. Herodotus and the Persian War of Darius
11. Herodotus and the Persian War of Xerxes
12. The Athenian Empire and Constitution
13. The Peloponnesian War-1
14. The Peloponnesian War-2
15. The Plays and the Playwrights
16. Boeotia and the Theban Hegemony
17. Philip II and the rise of Macedonia
18. Alexander the Great-1
19. Alexander the Great-2
20. The Wars of the Diadochi
21. The Years of Chaos and the Coming of Rome
22. Women in Ancient Greece
23. Ancient Warfare



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Talks are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at
Purley Chase Centre, Mancetter – details on how to get there as well
as offers of lifts upon request

The talk usually lasts about 1-1 ½ hours and discussion on previously
supplied reading takes up the balance of the 2 hour duration. Notes
are supplied in advance of the talk as well as texts and participants are
encouraged to read around the subject of their interest and contribute
if they would like to.

We are a small friendly group and our efforts allow us to answer the
classics questions on University challenge easily. This impresses the
grandchildren no end (and their parents).