**CL2352 Greek History to 322**

**2016-17**

**Suggestions for Reading over the Summer**

I would like you to do some preparatory reading in the next couple of months so that you may consolidate your knowledge of Greek History and build up on what you did in the introductory first-year course, CL1550.

As you know already, the course CL2352 has a broader chronological coverage than CL1550 and goes deeper in terms of themes covered and questions asked. In the Autumn term, you which takes place in the Autumn term covers Greek History from the Archaic period down to the end of the first century of the Classical. The rather arbitrary end point of the course coincides with the end of the Peloponnesian War in 404. The second course, CL2357, takes place in the Spring and covers the rest of the Classical period, the fourth century until the death of Alexander the Great.

The reading I would like you to do is mostly primary sources but I am adding a couple of secondary sources, key texts, which will give you a sense of the continuous narrative, will fill gaps in your understanding of the period and answer questions you may have on particular historical issues.

**Primary sources:**

* Homer, *Odyssey*: read as many books as you can; the more, the merrier! Try to read it thinking about the possibility that it may reflect the customs, ideas and possibly also political and societal organisation of early Greek communities.
* Thucydides Book 1: relevant in terms of the way in which early Greek History was constructed in the Classical period
* Herodotus: Read as much as you can from books 1, and 5-9.

**Secondary sources:**

**For the archaic period**

J. M. Hall *A History of the Archaic Greek World*, ca. 1200-479, Blackwell 2007

R. Osborne *Greece in the Making*, Routledge 1996

**For the Classical period**

S. Hornblower *The Greek World 479-323 BC,* Taylor & Francis, 2011

P.J Rhodes *A History of the Classical Greek World*: *478-323 B.C.*, Blackwell 2010

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer