

## STUDY GUIDE FOR THE MIDTERM EXAM

### THE MIDTERM WILL HAVE 5 SECTIONS:

- 1) *Map Identification*: could include locations in Aegean, Attica, and/or Athens.
- 2) *Chronology*: matching/ordering/listing the dates of important people/events.
- 3) *Multiple Choice*:  
*Sample Question*: Which best describes the *Krypteia*: a) a style of tomb in the Kerameikos; b) the Spartan secret police; c) a code system developed by Histaeus; d) the knowledge gained when initiated into a Mystery Cult.
- 4) *Short Answer*: in three or four sentences, define and explain the significance of people, places, and events.  
*Sample Question: Areopagus*: “Hill of Ares” in Athens where homicide trials were held. Membership consisted of all former Archons. Before the democratic reforms of Ephialtes in 462 BCE, the Areopagus was effectively the governing body of Athens, with power to overrule legislation, arrest and punish without trial, audit officials, and determine who was fit to serve in public offices.
- 5) *Essay*: choice of several possible topics dealing with literary and/or historical topics.  
*Sample topics*: 1) Describe the political factions in Athens after the Persian Wars. Include specific examples of policies and personalities involved in each faction. 2) Compare and contrast the function of the supernatural and/or religious belief in two of the tragedies we have read so far.

### WHAT TO KNOW:

Be confident that you can describe the development of Athens from an afterthought in the Archaic period to a preeminent power by the middle of the Fifth Century. Know the important social and political developments that contributed to (and resulted from) Athens’ rise. Be able to explain how Athenian courts or religion or democracy or other institutions differ from their modern counterparts. Know the basic stories and characters from the literary and historical works we have examined. Be able to discuss and support such discussions with *specifics*.

The following lists survey most (but not necessarily all) of the important characters, concepts, and events from which exam questions will be drawn. Note there is some overlap between the lists.

### EVENTS: Know the Dates and Significance of...

Cylonian Conspiracy	Ionian Revolt	<i>Battles of...</i>
Reforms of Draco	Persian War	Marathon
Solon’s Archonship	Darius’ Invasion	Thermopylae/Artemesium
Peisistratus’ Tyranny	Xerxes’ Invasion	Salamis
Assassination of Hipparchus	Evacuation of Athens (“Wooden Wall”)	Plataea
Cleisthenes’ Reforms	Transfer of Delian Treasury	Mycale

### PLACES: Know all places from the Study Guide for the map quiz, plus.... **Places in Athens:**

Acropolis	Kerameikos	Pnyx
Agora	Long Walls	Theater of Dionysius
Areopagus	Parthenon	

## PEOPLE & GODS

Agamemnon	Antigone	Cylon	Apollo
Menelaus	Creon	Alcmaeonids	Artemis
Atreus	Ismene	Draco	Athena
Achilles	Haemon	Solon	Demeter
Patroclus	Tiresias	Croesus	Dionysius
Thetis		Peisistratus	Hades
Helen	Pentheus	Hippias & Hipparchus	Hephaestus
Priam	Bacchus/Dionysius	Harmodius & Aristogiton	Hera
Hecuba	Agave	Cleisthenes	Persephone
Paris	Semele	Aristagoras & Histiaeus	Poseidon
Hector	Cadmus	Miltiades	Zeus
Andromache		Themistocles	Ahura Mazda
Clytemnestra	Cyrus	Ephialtes (of Malis)	
Aegisthus	Darius	Aristides	Homer
Cassandra	Xerxes	Cimon	Aeschylus
Orestes	Mardonius	Ephialtes (of Athens)	Sophocles
		Pericles	Euripides
	Lycurgus		Aristophanes
	Cleomenes		Herodotus
	Leonidas		Plutarch
	Pausanias		

## TERMS & CONCEPTS

Xenia	Demos	Peloponnesian League
Timé	Areopagus	Hellenic League
Kleos	Boule (of 400; of 500)	Medize
Moirá	Ecclesia	Delian League
In Medias Res	Prytaneis	Phoros
Supplication	Heliaea/Dikasteria	
	Dike/ Graphe	Helot
Basileus	Sycophants	Syssition
Polis	Dokimasia	Homoioi
Synoikism	Euthuna	Gerousia
Archon	Ostracism	Ephors
Strategos		Krypteia
Pentacosimedimnoi, hippies, zeugitae, thetes	Great Panathenaea	
Men of the Plain/Coast/Hill	City Dionysia	Hoplite
Democracy	Eleusinian Mysteries	Phalanx
Oligarchy	Mystery Cult	Trireme
Tyranny	Oracles/Delphi	
Tyrant	Miasma	Chorus
Phratry	Koros-Hybris-Ate-Nemesis	Metatheater
Trittyes	Zoroastrianism	
Demes	Nomos vs. Physis	Ethnography
Oikos	Eleutheria	Rationalization of Myth
	Isonomia	