



# The Histories

## Exam A

1. In what ways did Athens become like Persia between the time of the Greco Persian Wars and the Peloponnesian War? (10 pts.)

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2. The Greek city states were not united by a common government. What united them? (5 pts.)

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3. What surprising thing does Solon say must happen before a man can be said to be truly happy? (5 pts.)

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4. Why does Herodotus say Croesus was the cause of the Greco-Persian Wars? (10 pts.)

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5. Why do many historians consider the Battle of Marathon a turning point in Western Civilization? (10 pts.)

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6. Why did Thucydides write this history? What does he believe is true about the relationship between the past and the future? What motivation does this give us for studying the great books? (20 pts.)

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7. Why does Thucydides call the Peloponnesian War the greatest war that ever was? (10 pts.)

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8. According to Thucydides, what is the constant in history? (10 pts.)

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9. What are the four Athenian reactions to defeat? (15 pts.)

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10. The Golden age of Greece in the 5th century BC centers around what city? (5 pts.)

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11. Why have so few triremes survived to this day? (BONUS QUESTION FOR EXTRA CREDIT) (5 pts.)

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12. How can Thucydides' account of the Peloponnesian War be read as a Greek tragedy? (BONUS QUESTION FOR EXTRA CREDIT) (5 pts.)

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