



# The Histories

## Exam B

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

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2. How is the rebuilding of the Acropolis funded? (10 pts.)

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3. Why won't Solon declare Croesus the happiest man in the world? (5 pts.)

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

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5. What does Themistocles argue Apollo's reference to the "wooden walls" refers to? (5 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. Herodotus recounts the Greco-Persian wars as a clash of what, primarily? (10 pts.)

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

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11. By what stratagem was Babylon finally taken for the second time? (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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