

Delve Seminar: Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War*  
Wednesdays, 7-9 pm, March 3-April 7  
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### Schedule

Week	Date	Reading	# of pages
I	March 3	Book One, pp. 1-85	85
II	March 10	Book Two, pp. 87-156 Book Three, pp. 157-183	95
III	March 17	Book Three, pp. 184-219 Book Four, pp. 221-297	111
IV	March 24	Book Five, pp. 299-357	58
V	March 31	Book Six, pp. 361-423 Book Seven, pp. 427-478	113
VI	April 7	Book Eight, 479-548	69

### Text

The recommended reference text for our meetings is *The Landmark Thucydides*, edited by Robert B. Strassler. This widely available edition includes sidebar annotations and maps that help provide context for Thucydides' dense and often difficult text. It's very useful and is based on a revised, and very readable, version of the Richard Crawley translation and includes some excellent editorial material. It will serve our purposes well.

However, for some readers, the abundance of annotations and images can also distract from the experience of reading Thucydides's quite unique prose. Some readers may therefore prefer a more traditional edition or simply want to read a different translation. There are a number of good editions and translations of *The Peloponnesian War* available and here are ones that I have used and can recommend:

Martin Hammond, Oxford Classics  
Steven Lattimore, Hackett  
Thomas Hobbes, University of Chicago  
Rex Warner, Penguin

Lattimore can be said to most faithfully capture the literal difficulty of Thucydides' prose, but it isn't necessarily better than the others as a result. I find the Hammond very dependable and readable but also faithful.

However, there is no need to consult a second edition if you are happy with *The Landmark Thucydides*. It's a very good edition with very helpful resources.