

Philosophy

Contract #	Term	Course	Contract Title	Contract Description
273015	Spring 2015	PHIL-3115	Ancient Greek Historiography	<p>The main goal of the contract is to explore the manner in which Ancient Greek historians influenced the discipline of history during the fourth century BCE. Developments in Greek historiography occurred alongside developments in philosophy. The origins of philosophy involved the replacement of "muthoi," or "stories" with a "logos," or "rational account of the universe," in order to explain reality. The movement to understand the world in a more rational way began in the sixth century BCE with the efforts of Thales of Miletus and other Pre-Socratic philosophers. The Greek historian Herodotus is credited with writing the first critical historical work almost a century later. The historian Thucydides was a contemporary of Socrates, and his work is known to feature a more rationally-based account of events than the work of Herodotus. Goals of the contract include the study of the methods and style that Thucydides utilized to record history. Finally, the project will aim at facilitating a deeper understanding of ancient Greek philosophy and how philosophy affected the society in which it began through the example of its influence on Greek historians.</p>