

Herodotus and Xenophon

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Michael Straight — 27 Jan 2003, 16:59

A couple questions for my Latro supplemental reading:

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 27 Jan 2003, 17:08 · follows Michael Straight

Rostrum asks:

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One of the most fabulously useful resources on the Web is the Online Books Page at <http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/> an attempt to keep up and index all books and major texts in English available for free on the Web.

A search for Herodotus there turns up one translation of "An Account of Egypt" and three of the "Histories":
[http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/book/search?author=Herodotus &amode=words](http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/book/search?author=Herodotus&amode=words)

A search for Xenophon turns up too many to summarize here:
[http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/book/search?author=Xenophon& amode=words](http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/book/search?author=Xenophon&amode=words)

Also of interest might be the MIT Internet Classics Archive (<http://classics.mit.edu/>), and the Perseus Project at Tufts (<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/>).

Hope this helps,

Michael Straight — 27 Jan 2003, 17:31 · follows Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

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Thanks for the links, but my question was not so much "Where are they?" as "Are they good translations?"

-- Rostrum

Josh Geller — 27 Jan 2003, 18:10 · follows Michael Straight

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Josh Geller — 27 Jan 2003, 18:24 · follows Josh Geller

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More relevant than the rest of Xenophon, I mean.

Not more relevant than Herodotos.

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Tami Whitehead — 27 Jan 2003, 18:42 · follows Josh Geller

Hi Michael,

Below are a couple of sites you may want to check out.

The first is Perseus, which contains many of the Classical Texts in entirety, both in English and Greek, and relevant commentary and other fun stuff. There you will find the Histories by Herodotus, and the Narrative of the expeditions of Cyrus the Younger by Xenophon. Have fun!

The second is another site, lots of stuff there, but that's primarily where I go for straight reading of Herodotus, no commentary or stuff. The first site, while complete, is rather clumsy, lots of maps and charts and translation tools, but it only shows a couple of paragraphs at a time, and takes a long time just to read one chapter...the second works well but has no fun extras, like lexicons...I suggest using the sites together.

Have fun with history! It rocks!

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<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/>

http://ancienthistory.about.com/library/bl/bl_text_herodotus_1.htm?terms=Milesian+migration

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