

Hum 110 (L. Leibman)
Thucydides Book 2

1. History: Analyze Thucydides' definition of history. How does he define history? How does this make sense when one considers his historical context? (What is his historical context?) What does he dislike about Herodotus and why? What do you make of his biases?

2. Rhetoric: Why does Thucydides use speeches? Compare his use of speeches to that in tragedies and Herodotus' *Histories*.

3. Imperialism: What is the Athenian justification for empire? What are the real causes of the war? How does Thucydides feel about Athens? If you had to characterize Athens based on this history, how would you describe it? Compare this national identity to other earlier versions we have seen.