

HIST 96.27 Great Historians: Classic Works from Herodotus to the Present

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This course will introduce students to classic works, movements, and innovations in the discipline of history, with particular attention to the Western historiographical tradition. The course will begin with Greek and Roman authors such as Herodotus, Thucydides, Livy, and Tacitus. It will then discuss certain features of historical writing during the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, before moving to Enlightenment universal history (Gibbon) and the birth, in the early 19th century, of professional historiography. The final part of the course will address major movements in the 20th and 21st centuries. Students will read intensively and produce a final research paper examining the collected *oeuvre* of a prominent historian, past or present.

Offered

17S: 12. 18S:3A

Department-Specific Course Categories

Major Dist: EUR.