

THE ANCIENT WORLD

HIST 120-1 TTh 8-9:15. .5 credits. First seven weeks.

Once there was Western Civ—the backbone of the gigantic lecture surveys at major universities and even Monmouth College. Now the history department has been broken that program into smaller components that we can study more carefully. Smaller classes, more concentrated work.



You remember the pyramids, but do you remember the Hebrew people fleeing Egyptian slavery?



The hanging gardens of Babylon?



This course is the first third of the traditional 101, covering **Egypt, Mesopotamia and Jerusalem** and their contributions to the development of western civilization, then looking at early Greece and culminating in a reading of Herodotus, whose history of the Persian Wars was so revolutionary that we call him the Father of History.

Herodotus you know, though you may not know you know. But you've seen the **300**. The Persian Empire was powerful. The Greeks were weak. But you know how the war came out.

The Ancient World will look at **original documents** from these civilizations to determine what their laws and religious beliefs were, their conflicts, the rise and fall of civilizations, and from that to see how these half-forgotten peoples have come to influence even our own times. **(They aren't half-forgotten, of course. Thanks to archeology, we know more about some of them than Herodotus did!)**

