

**HUMANITIES CORE/EUROPE/ANCIENT**  
**WRITING ASSIGNMENT: TEXTUAL ANALYSIS**

In a short essay, please analyze and contextualize the assigned passage as richly as possible. Key topics to address are: Where and how does the extract fit in with the work or author's corpus as a whole? Most significantly, what key themes articulated in the passage provide insight into the author's world? As a coda, what relevance might the extract have for our own times? Make sure your essay answers each of these criteria.

Your answer should be written in essay form, around 1,000 (one thousand) words in length. It should be typed. Apart from the contents of your answer, the elegance and persuasiveness of your analysis are part of the grade.

This is a take-home assignment, requiring some research. This will require you to use Green Library. Wikipedia may be a useful starting point to your inquiries, but it should not be the end of your research work. Others such as the *Oxford Classical Dictionary*, listed on your syllabus, are more reliable. If there is any historical or geographical reference in your passage, explain it briefly and indicate how it fits into the larger picture. Please make sure that your references include at least scholarly works (books and articles).

Collaboration with other class members is permitted, but your written work should be your own, nor should it overlap directly with printed or online material. The Honor Code applies.

Due date: Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon (i.e. before class).