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# GRS 337: Herodotus and Greek Ethnography

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The ancient world was a very multicultural place, and, like today, individuals had differing identities based on language, religion, place of origin, and social position. This course explores the multiple relationships Greeks had with Lydians, Persians, Egyptians, Scythians, Etruscans and Celts, to name a few.

In this course, you will focus on ethnographic accounts of neighboring civilizations by Greek writers, particularly **Herodotus** and **Poseidonius of Apamea**.

## Learning outcomes:

- ✓ Understand archaeological, epigraphic and literary evidence from neighboring cultures of Greece.
- ✓ Critique the idea that, rather than the 'father of history,' Herodotus might more correctly be called the 'father of ethnography'

No prerequisites. GRS 101 Recommended