

History 801  
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A READING GROUP FOR CLASSICISTS

Students who wish may participate in a reading group which will meet one hour per week in addition to the regular Monday meeting time. The group will read in Greek from Books One and Two of Strabo's Geography. Here Strabo introduces his description of the known world by reviewing geography and geographers of the past, and by discussing the principles of mathematical geography and cartography. This introductory section is of interest to classicists because it brings to view, often in quoted passages, the geographical concepts of ancient Greek authors whose works survive only in excerpts and fragments -- for instance, Eratosthenes of Cyrene, Eudoxus of Cyzicus and Poseidonius of Apamaea. In addition, the geography of the Homeric poems comes under discussion. The meeting time of this reading group will be set in accordance with the schedules of the participants. The text used will be the Loeb Classical Library edition of Strabo, Volume One. Students who wish to purchase a copy of this volume may order directly from the U.S. publisher (Harvard University Press, 79 Garden Street, Cambridge Massachusetts 02138) or through the campus bookstores.