

**ANATOLIA: CRADLE OF CIVILIZATIONS**  
**HUMANITIES SEMINARS PROGRAM, SPRING 2014**  
**TAUGHT BY DR. BELLA VIVANTE, UA DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS**

**bvivante@email.arizona.edu**

**<http://classics.arizona.edu/node/109>**

**WELCOME to Anatolia: Cradle of Civilizations!** In this cultural excursion we will examine historical, literary and artistic highlights of the diverse cultures that have flourished in the concise landmass of ancient Anatolia, modern Turkey—Paleolithic and Neolithic habitation, Hittites, Assyrians, Hebrew Biblical, Troy, Amazons, Phrygia, Lydia, Lycia, Ionian Greeks, Roman, early Christian, and Byzantine. The diverse values and creative expressions show how human societies have variously addressed issues we still grapple with: gender identity, humans' place in the world, relationship with the gods, and more. This will be an exciting, illuminating exploration!

**Texts:**

Stoneman, Richard. 1993. *A Traveller's History of Turkey*, 3rd ed. NY: Interlink Books.

*Anatolia: Cauldron of Cultures*. 1995. Alexandria, VA: Time-Life Books. ISBN 0-8094-9108-7

[**Note:** This book is out of print but is available through online, esp. used book sellers. Attendees may purchase the book individually, and I will copy any essential readings for the class.]

**Additional Readings** will be made available on the course website, grouped by class date; by hard copy only as needed. [**Note:** while the additional readings conform to fair use guidelines, formal copying would entail permission fees and copy center production fees. To avoid HSP needing to obtain permissions and to keep departmental copying costs down, please request a hard copy of the readings **only** if you do not have internet access.]

**Class lecture with some discussion** will present key features of the scheduled topic.

**Readings** provide both basic background and literary or visual enrichments to the topic. Don't be intimidated by the amount of some class readings—consider them as references and read as much as you like. Multiple readings on the same topic are complementary with minimal overlap. Those with the *Anatolia* book may wish to read more than what is provided to the class.

**Readings** are selected from the following works, identifying term in **bold**:

**Stoneman**, Richard. 1993. *A Traveller's History of Turkey*, 3rd ed. NY: Interlink Books. Text.

**Anatolia: Cauldron of Cultures**. 1995. Alexandria, VA: Time-Life Books. ISBN 0-8094-9108-7

**Bayhan**, Suzan. 2001. *Priene, Miletus, Didyma* guidebook, trans. A. Gillett. Istanbul: Kelkin Color Kartpostalçılık Ltd.

**Brewster**, Harry. 1993. *Classical Anatolia: The Glory of Hellenism*. London: I.B. Tauris; New York: St. Martin's Press.

**Gaster**, Theodor H. 1958, c1952. *The Oldest Stories in the World*. Boston: Beacon Press.

**Gümüş**, Doğan. 2000. *Ephesus* guidebook, trans. C. Thomas. Istanbul: DO-GÜ Yayıncılık Turizm Ticaret Ltd.

**Lloyd**, Seton. 1989. *Ancient Turkey: A Traveller's History of Anatolia*. London: British Museum Publications.

**Matthews**, Roger, ed. 1998. *Ancient Anatolia: Fifty years' work by the British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara*. London: British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara.

**Museum of Anatolian Civilizations Guide Book**. No p.d. Ankara: Dönmez Offset Ankara.

**Sagona**, Antonio and Paul Zimansky. 2009. *Ancient Turkey*. London; New York: Routledge.

**Steadman**, Sharon R. and Gregory McMahon, eds. 2011. *The Oxford Handbook of Ancient Anatolia: 10,000-323 B.C.E.* Oxford [UK]; New York: Oxford University Press.

**Vivante**, Bella. 2007/2008. *Daughters of Gaia: Women in the Ancient Mediterranean World*. Praeger Publishers/University of Oklahoma Press.

**Wood**, Michael. 1998. *In Search of the Trojan War*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

**Syllabus:** (Some online readings may be added later in the semester.)

Abbrev: p./pp. = page/s; t = top; m = mid; b = bottom; mil. = millennium

Dates are B.C.E., Before the Common Era, and C.E., Common Era, neutral terminology equivalent to B.C. and A.D.

- Jan. 24 Introduction to Course: **Chronology:** Lloyd 9; **Maps:** Lloyd, Steadman  
Description of geographical Anatolia, historical summary: *Anatolia*, pp. 9b-13, 28  
**Paleolithic:** Stoneman 1, 3t; *Museum*, 17-19 – Karain Cave  
**Neolithic** settlements, overview: Steadman 117-19m  
**SE and E:**  
Göbekli Tepe, 9600-8000 B.C.E.: Sagona 57-64m; Steadman 925-30  
Nevalı Cori, 8600-7900: *Anatolia*, 30-1  
Hallan Çemi, 8400-8000, Demirköy 7900, Körtik, 7800: Steadman 128-31  
Çayönü, 7250-6000: *Anatolia*, 34-5 – 1st agriculture; oldest linen fragment  
Sagona, “Collapse of Pre-Pottery Neolithic”: 76b-8  
Steadman, Mature Aceramic & Pottery Neolithic summaries: 139m-42t, 143m-5m  
**S. Konya plain:**  
Pınarbaşı, 8500-8000: Steadman 106  
Aşıklı Höyük, 8400-7400: *Anatolia*, 32; Steadman 107-10t  
Kaletepe, 8200-7800: Steadman 110b, 112t  
Çatal Höyük, 6000-5600: Stoneman 3-4; *Anatolia*, 27-8m, 29; Sagona 88m-97, 119b-22t – 1st fired pottery, wall paintings  
**SW plateau:** Hacilar, 5700-5600: Stoneman 5t; Sagona 99b, 102-3m  
**NW:** Ilipınar, 6000-5500: Sagona 138; Steadman 959-61
- Jan. 31 **Chalcolithic** (copper & stone), Steadman 165b-6  
**S central coast and plateau:**  
Mersin, 4500: Steadman 805 bot. 2/3 – oldest military fortress  
Göltepe, 3300-1840: *Anatolia*, 22, 24-5t; Steadman 247m-8t – extensive tin mines  
**Bronze Age:** Early Bronze Age Urbanization, trade, IE linguistics: Steadman 231-4  
**N central plateau:** Alaca Höyük, 2300: Stoneman 5-7t; *Anatolia*, 21-2; *Museum*, 59-61; Sagona 213b-16t – wealthy tombs  
3rd mil. summary: Steadman 251b-2t  
Kültepe/Kaneş, 1950-1740: Stoneman 7-8; Sagona 225, 227, 244 mid ¶, 246-7t; Steadman 1020b-2, 1023b-5, 323 mid ¶, 326m-9 – Assyrian *karum*, trading center  
**W plateau:** Beycesultan, 3000-1000: Matthews 61-3t; Sagona 197 mid ¶, 247  
**SW coast:** Uluburun Shipwreck, Museum of Underwater Archaeology, Bodrum  
**E:** Hebrew Biblical – Noah’s Ark; Abraham’s journey
- Feb. 7 **Bronze Age, cont.:**  
Hittite, 2nd mil.: Stoneman 9-16; *Anatolia*, 54-64, 68-70; Steadman 389, 904-6t, 911 mid ¶; Hittite tales: Gaster 99-109, 134-43  
Yazılıkaya, “inscribed rock”: *Anatolia*, 65-7  
Neo-Hittite, 1st mil.: *Anatolia*, 49; *Museum*, 143-4  
Carchemish – SE Hittite/Neo-Hittite outpost: Sagona 299-301  
Troy/Trojan War, ca. 1200: Stoneman 16b-20; Steadman 717; Wood 185-8; Homer  
Sea Peoples, ca. 1200-1000: Stoneman 21-3

Feb. 14 **Iron Age:**

**E:** Urartu: Stoneman 23-5t; *Anatolia*, 91-3; *Museum*, 189-91

**N central:** Amazons: Vivante 148b-54

**W central:** Phrygians: Stoneman 27-8m; *Anatolia*, 83-90, 94-5, 107-17

**SW:**

Lydians: Stoneman 28-31; *Anatolia*, 95b-96, 100-6

Lycians: Stoneman 40-2m; *Anatolia*, 140, 146-7t

Carians: *Anatolia*, 126

Feb. 21 Ionian Greeks: *Anatolia*, 122, 124-9m; Stoneman 25-6, 31b-2t, 34 mid ¶; Gümüş 10  
Ionian Revolt: Stoneman 37-8

Persians: Stoneman 34b-40, 42m-45t, 48b-9m, 54 top 1/2

Feb. 28 Priene: *Anatolia*, 126-7, Bayhan 11, 53, 55

Miletos: Bayhan 59

Didyma: Bayhan 117-19, 122, 139/41; *Anatolia*, 152

Claros: *Anatolia*, 154-5

Poetry: Sappho excerpts

Milesian Thinkers: Stoneman 32m-4t; Bayhan 115; philosophy excerpts

Mar. 7 Alexander and Seleukids: Stoneman 55-67

Ephesus: *Anatolia*, 136-8t, 156; Gümüş 5, 6-7, 13-14

Pergamon: Stoneman 68-70; *Anatolia*, 138-40t

Pergamon Asklepeion: *Anatolia*, 150-1

Mar. 14 Romans: Stoneman 71-83 Nysa, Aphrodisias: Brewster 50-52

Termessos: Brewster 98-101

Hierapolis: Brewster 152b-4

Commagene/Nemrud Dag: Stoneman 78; *Anatolia*, 141-5, 147m-8

Mar. 21 **Spring Break—No Class**

Mar. 28 Jews & Christians: Stoneman 83-93t – Paul & Seven Cities; House of Mary; Chora Church;  
Saint Nicholas of Patara

Apr. 4 Byzantine, Stoneman 93-110, 111-32

**Selected Further Readings, in addition to the above works:**

Akurgal, Ekrem. 1973. *Ancient Civilizations and the Ruins of Turkey*. Istanbul: Haşet Kitabevi.

Bouzek, Jan. 1997. *Greece, *Anatolia* and Europe: Cultural interrelations during the Early Iron Age*.

Jonsered, Sweden: Paul Åströms Förlag.