Description: We'll do close reading and discussion of some wonderful literary, historical, and philosophical works from ancient Greece for pleasure and to practice thinking, speaking, and writing critically.

Texts: (N.B. you must have these particular translations.)
Homer: iliad, trans. Lattimore
Odyssey, trans. Fitzgerald
--- Greek Tragedies I, ed. Grene and Lattimore
Aristotle: Poetics, trans. Apostle
Thucydides: The Peloponnesian War, trans. Warner
Plato: Symposium, trans. Gill
Last Days of Socrates, trans. Tredennick and Tarrant
Corbett/Finkle: The Little English Handbook (optional, but you must have a grammar handbook)

Schedule:

Week Assignment
1 a) Introduction to course
b) Skim Lattimore introduction, pages 12-23.
   Homer, iliad, Book 12, 310-28 (pages 266-67)
   " , Book 1
   " , Books 2-3
2 a) " , Books 4-7
b) " , Books 8-9
c) " , Books 10-14
3 a) " , Books 15-16
   Discussion of argument-writing with special attention to paragraph unity around a clearly stated topic sentence and paragraph coherence generated by semantic transitions.
   1. " , Books 17-18
c. Discussion of first arguments (250-word paragraph)
4 a) " , Books 19-21
b) " , Books 22-24
c) Homer, Odyssey, Books I-V
5 a) " , Books VI-VIII
b) " , Books IX-XII
c. " , Books XIII-XVI
6 a) " , Books XVII-XX
   b) " , Books XXI-XXIV
   c) Oral presentations and discussion of second arguments (750-800 words)

7 a) Review Iliad and Odyssey
   b) Examination
   c) Aeschylus, Agamemnon (read the entire play quickly; read 1-257 very carefully)

8 a) " , 258-781
   b) " , 783-end
   c) " , re-read entire play

Spring Break

9 a) Sophocles, Oedipus the King (read the entire play quickly; re-read 1-863 very carefully)
   b) " , re-read entire play
   c) " , re-read entire play

10 a) Aristotle, Poetics, 1-10 (Sections 1-8)
     b) " , 10-23 (Sections 9-19)
     b) " , 29-33 (Sections 23-25 [1]-[6]; 35 (“In general”)-38 (Sections 25 [12]-26)

11 a) Euripides, Hippolytus, (read the entire play quickly; read 1-562 very carefully)
     b) " , re-read 564-end
     c) Oral presentations and discussion of third arguments (750-800 words)

12 a) Thucydides, The Peloponnesian War, pp. 35-67
     b) " , pp. 72-123
     c) " , pp. 124-139 (to “Meanwhile the Athenian fleet”); 143-164 (start with “In the same winter”)

13 a) " , pp. 168-173; 194-245
     b) " , pp. 400-429; 455-465; 503-516; 525-537
     c) Plato, Symposium, pp. 3-36

14 a) " , pp. 37-64
     b) " , Apology
     c) " , Crito

Final examination May 16, 2 PM