

ENVELOPE R-VI: GREEK ANTIQUITY

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1. Slave Society: Athens (400 BC), Roman Italy (31 BC), Brazil, USA (southern states), Cuba (all 1800-1860) are classified as "Slave societies" since slaves played a considerable role in production - All had 30% plus of the population being slaves.

- 1x2=2 pages [Keith Hopkins: "Conquerors and slaves: Sociological studies in Roman History: Vol I, 1978]

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2. Plato: Various topics:

- How to live a life of leisure: Dont become "a fatter beast", devote your life to the cultivation of every physical perfection and every moral virtue, "have a timetable prescribing what to do every minute of your life".

- Advice to newly weds: "Produce the State with the best and finest children they can produce", and in 10 years, if no children are born, the couple should divorce.

- Best way to train slaves: (a) get slaves from different regions that speak different languages (b) dont ill treat them, and dont get on familiar terms with them either, etc.

- [From PLATO: The Laws]

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3. Thoughts on Plato:

(i) Whitehead, "Process and Reality", chapter on "Fact and Form": "The safest general characterization of the European philosophical tradition is that it consists of a series of footnotes to Plato".

- 3 pages [A.N.Whitehead: An Anthology, Ed. FSC Northrop]

(ii) Dialogues of AN Whitehead: "I am impressed by the enormous, the unparalleled genius of Plato"

- 6 pages [L.Price: Dialogues of AN Whitehead]

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(iii) The spell of Plato: "I have been blamed...violence of my attack on Plato... If our civilization is to survive, we must break with the habit of deference to great men..."

- 4 pages [Karl Popper: The open society and its enemies]
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4. Articles on life in Greece (extracts):

(i) Was Greek civilization based on slave labour? Yes: "in the Homeric poems it is assumed correctly that captive women will be taken home as slaves, and that occasional male slaves - the victims of Phoenician merchant pirates - will also be on hand". In organizing a household, the first step was to procure good slaves. The "Oeconomica" sums up the life of a slave as consisting of three elements: work, punishment and food.

- 24 pages [M.I.Finley: Economy and Society in Ancient Greece (Collection of Essays), Chatto & Windus, 1981]

(ii) Phthonos and the Delian league

- 1 page [Simon Hornblower: The Greek World, 479-323 BC]

(iii) The Hellenic State

- 8 pages [Victor Ehrenberg: The Greek State, Methuen 1969 (1974)]

(iv) Politics

- 12 pages [MI Finley: Politics in the Ancient world, Camb.Univ.Press, 1983]

(v) Culture

- 2 pages [MI Finley (ed): The legacy of Greece - A new approach: Clarendon, Oxford (1981)]

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5. Plato, a list of his works: JJ Saunders' short introduction to his works (Republic, Statesmen and Laws) with short samples from Republic and Laws.

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