

Herodotus Marathon 2022

Practical Instructions for Readers

In what follows, we try to answer all the practical questions you may have in relation to how this crazy project will work. If there is anything that is not clear, please just write to herodotusmarathon@gmail.com.

How do you join the zoom meeting? Just click on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82548130050?pwd=R2l4OWo5MDBBTjJ5R2pxbDlRcWJOUT09>

This will take you to a waiting room. One of the core organizers will then let you in when your reading is near.

When should you log into zoom? In general terms, you will know when your reading is approaching from our master-timetable, here.

	31 May → 1 June									
	Book 1	Book 2	Book 3	Book 4	Book 5	Book 6	Book 7	Book 8	Book 9	End
-7 = San Francisco, Vancouver	10.00	14.03	17.35	20.33	23.44	01.57	04.13	08.06	10.19	12.26
-5 = Chicago, Mexico City, Peru	12.00	16.03	19.35	22.33	01.44	03.57	06.13	10.06	12.19	12.26
-4 = New York	13.00	17.03	20.35	23.33	02.44	04.57	07.13	11.06	13.19	13.26
-3 = Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires	14.00	18.03	21.35	00.33	03.44	05.57	08.13	12.06	14.19	16.26
GMT / UTC	17.00	21.03	00.35	03.33	06.44	08.57	11.13	15.06	17.19	19.26
+1 = UK, Ireland, Portugal, Nigeria	18.00	22.03	01.35	04.33	07.44	09.57	12.13	16.06	18.19	20.26
+2 France, Italy, Egypt, South Africa	19.00	23.03	02.34	05.33	08.44	10.57	13.13	17.06	19.19	21.26
+3 = Finland, Moscow, Greece, Israel, Bodrum	20.00	00.03	03.35	06.33	09.44	11.57	14.13	16.06	20.19	22.26
+5.30 = New Delhi	22.30	02.33	06.05	09.03	12.14	14.27	16.43	18.36	22.49	00.56
+8 = Beijing, Singapore, Perth	01.00	05.03	08.35	11.33	14.44	16.57	19.13	21.06	01.19	03.26
+9 = Japan	02.00	06.03	09.35	12.33	15.44	17.57	20.13	22.06	02.19	04.26
+10 Sydney	03.00	07.03	10.35	13.33	16.44	18.57	21.13	23.06	03.19	05.26
+12 New Zealand	05.00	09.03	12.35	15.33	18.44	20.57	23.13	01.06	05.19	07.26
1 Jun → 2 June										

Table showing expected start-times for books of Herodotus across various time zones

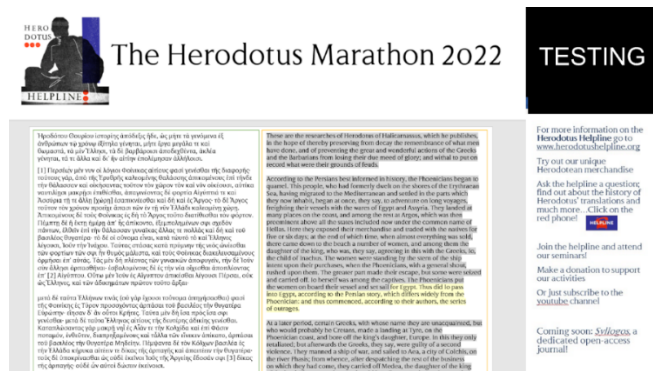
To check where your reading falls, you can refer to this spreadsheet: [Marathon Readers as of 28 May .xlsx](#) (NB: this will be updated before the Marathon itself).

Please note also that – much as we will make efforts to keep to time - timings are approximate, in particular because of the varying length of chapters of the *Histories*. So do try to be ready a little in advance of your reading, just in case.

How will you then know when it's your time to read? The previous reader will signal when their reading is done (see below). In addition you can communicate via the chat function with the organizers, and we can give you a clearer indication of where we are at, but we will try to let you in at least one chapter before your reading.

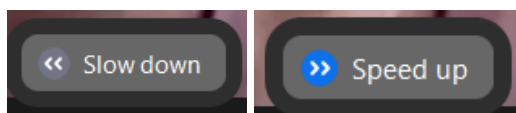
When you are let in from the waiting room, your video should automatically be off and your microphone muted, so you will need to unmute when it's time to go. The zoom will be set to 'speaker view' so you should only be visible when you speak.

What will the screen look like? How large will your image be? The screen will look approximately like this:



The zoom screen will be in the top right of the screen (where it says 'testing'!), so your image will not be large. We will ensure that the text (in Greek and English) that takes up the bulk of the screen scrolls down in synch with your reading.

How fast should you read? In general, just read at a relaxed pace as if you were reading to somebody. Our estimated timings are based on practices down in a variety of language, so there should be no need to rush. We will be keeping an eye on timings, and trying to ensure that we stick to the advertised timetable, and *may* signal to you to speed up or slow down if there is a problem developing. (To be clear: this won't, we imagine, be because you are reading unnaturally fast or slowly, just because of the overall timings.) If this is the case, we may use the zoom signals (images below); we may also warn you in advance of your reading, using the chat function.



How will other readers know where you are in your text, or when you've finished your reading? This may not be a question that has occurred to you, but – given the variety of languages – we, the organisers, certainly can't promise to keep the text in synch with your reading on-screen without some help! And it could also be a challenge for the reader who follows you, if you are reading in a language that they do not understand.

To deal with this, we ask all readers to signal your progress with some simple hand-gestures:

- When you move from one chapter to another, please signal this by raising a finger, like this:



- When you reach the end of your section altogether, then please raise your hand as if to say goodbye, as follows:



This may seem elaborate – and, of course don't worry too much about getting these gestures perfect! – but it's designed just to ensure things work well without too many hitches.

How can you or others watch the livestream? The livestream should be viewable from our youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/HerodotusHelpline>

To receive notifications when we go live, subscribe to the channel! We will also circulate a dedicated url closer to the time of the event (together with the final, final list of readers), which you can share.

The livestream will pause briefly for technical reasons at two points: at the end of book 3 (approx. 3.30 am GMT on June 1) and the end of book 6 (11.13 am GMT).

Should you use a particular translation? No, you should feel free to use any translation you prefer. We (the organisers, based in St Andrews) will have 7 English translations with us, and will try to use all of them. The event will include translations made afresh for this event, old translations preserved only in manuscripts, as well as classic translations in a variety of languages. We want to *celebrate* this variety.

If you are desperate to find an English translation of your passage, please email us at herodotusmarathon@gmail.com and we should be able to help; we may also be able to put you in touch with another reader in your language.

How will anyone know who read your section? After the Marathon is over we will include a link to a list of readers, keyed to the passages read. So that we can describe you as you would like to be described, do please add any details in this document: [Marathon contributor bios.xlsx](#). We ask here for:

- your name, as you would like to be listed;
- a description of what you do (e.g. undergraduate student, University of X; Professor of Greek, University of Y; broadcaster etc.)
- weblinks (e.g. to your own webpage, or to a project with which you are associated)
- the language(s) you will be reading in
- the translation you will be using (if appropriate)

Finally, some **thank-yous**. This crazy event would not be happening were it not for a whole host of people (I will inevitably leave some out) who have advised at different points: Francesca Gazzano (whose idea it was!), Euan Bowman who has been central to its design from the start (and Euan's cousin for IT advice!); Ed Dhanowa and Barbara Malone, the rest of our undergraduate intern team at St Andrews; Edward Armstrong, whose initiative has been crucial in getting together the readers we need; Matheus Fernandes Moreira, Amelia Brown and others for encouraging new readers in Brazil and Queensland, respectively; Paola de Carolis for media advice; Marco Gay for help on the day. ***And thank-you to all of you for your willingness to take part, and for your encouragement!***