Honors World History  Rhetoric and Oration  Greek Philosophy

1. Reading, Monday, December 10 – Read and annotate the article “Greek Thought: Socrates, Plato, Aristotle.”
   a. Submit an ordered preference list with your top THREE of the FIVE general groups of philosophers you would be interested in studying more deeply.
      i. Pre-Socratics, Sophists, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle
   b. If you have no preference, please make that clear—this will help with an even distribution for the groups.

2. Initial research, Thursday/Friday, December 13 and 14 – Research the philosophical perspectives and teachings of your assigned philosopher(s). Take notes with the goal of being able to respond to four of the questions below.
   a. At the end of the research block – submit all your research notes and a list of FOUR questions of the questions below for which you, individually, might prepare answers. Two written responses will be further researched and actually written after break.
      i. What is philosophy?
      ii. What is truth?
      iii. Do Gods exist?
      iv. What exists? What is life?
      v. What is good and what is evil?
      vi. (Your own philosophical question)
         ➢ If you chose to create a philosophical question of your own to answer, you need to clear it with Ms. Lund when you turn in your intended question list.

3. Research and writing, Monday/Tuesday, January 7/8 – Research the philosophical perspective of your assigned philosopher(s), focus on your two assigned questions.
   a. Prompt one will be written and delivered as a speech in class.
   b. Prompt two will be written as a speech, but simply submitted for grading.

4. Response 1 due, Speech day, Monday, January 14/15 – Bring a hardcopy of your speech response to class. Wear a Peplos/Chiton (like a toga) for extra credit and be prepared to give a 2-3 minute response in the voice of your philosopher to your assigned question.
   a. Several students will offer responses to each question, from the perspective of various philosophers.
   b. At the conclusion of the speeches, classmates will vote with ostraka for the philosophy whose orators have been the most poised and persuasive. Points count collectively to philosophers, not to individuals.

5. Response 2 due, Final exam day, Tuesday, January 22/Thursday, January 24 – Bring a hardcopy of your second response to class.