

Thucydides VIII Reading Group
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First week: Th. 8.38-45 (winter 412/11, immediately after the conclusion of the 'Treaty of Theramenes'; ends with Alcibiades preparing his volte-face)

Second week: Th. 8.46-53 (Alcibiades' advice to Tissaphernes; Alcibiades contacts the Athenians in Samos; schemes of Phrynichos; Peisander arrives at Athens)

Third week: Th. 8.54-62 (fighting on Chios, death of Pedaritos; Alcibiades assures that the first round of negotiations between Athenians and Tissaphernes fails; treaty of the plain of the Maeander; fighting in Oropos; in the **spring of 411**, Dercyllidas provokes revolts in Abydos and Lampsakos; Strombichides retakes Lampsakos)

Fourth week: Th. 8.63-70 (Peisander sails again to Athens, putting down democracies on his way; once he arrives in Athens, oligarchy is already underway; the assembly abolishes democracy; an oligarchic junta of 400, with executive powers, takes the place of the *boulē*; encomium of Antiphon)

Fifth week: Th. 8.71-78 (the 400 negotiate with king Agis and with the Spartans; in Samos, an oligarchic golpe fails; the Athenian fleet in Samos vows to defend democracy; turmoil in the Spartan fleet)

Sixth week: Th. 8.79-86 (Antyochos turns to Pharnabazos for money; Alcibiades joins the Athenian fleet in Samos; the new Spartan nauarchos arrives on the scene; conflict between Hermokrates and Tissaphernes; envoys of the 400 in Samos)

Seventh week: Th. 8.87-92 (Tissaphernes and his fleet; fissures in the oligarchy; fortification of Eetioneia; Peisander assassinated; rise of Theramenes)

Eighth week: Th. 8.93-98 (the Spartans take Euboea; the oligarchy collapses)