



## Thucydides 6: Additional Resources

### 1. Translations

The Peloponnesian War: translated by Martin Hammond (Oxford World's Classics, 2009), introduction by PJ Rhodes

The Peloponnesian War (Penguin, 2000): translated by Rex Warner, introduction by M I Finley

The Landmark Thucydides: A comprehensive guide to the Peloponnesian War : edited by Robert Strassler, introduction by V D Hanson

Audio book: <https://www.audible.co.uk/pd/The-Peloponnesian-War-Audiobook/B009DJNL7I>

### 2. Ancient sources

#### i) Thucydides

The following chapters are particularly interesting and valuable in relation to Thucydides' narrative in Book 6:

1. 20-23: Thucydides' account of his historical method
- 2.34-46: Pericles' Funeral Oration: 430 BC
- 3.86-102, 4.58-65: Athens' first involvement in Sicily: 427 – 424 BC
- 4.1-41: Athens' victory against the Spartans at Pylos: 425/424 BC
- 7.42-87: the Athenians' final defeat in Sicily: 413 BC

#### ii) Other sources

Andocides' *On the Mysteries* in Greek Political Oratory [Penguin]

Aristophanes: *Birds*, *Lysistrata* [Oxford World's Classics, Penguin]

Gorgias: *In Praise of Helen* (ed. D.M.McDowell, 1982)

Plato: *Gorgias*, *Symposium* [Oxford World's Classics, Penguin]

Plutarch: *Nicias*, *Alcibiades* [Oxford World's Classics, Penguin]

The Greek Sophists [Penguin]

### 3. Secondary sources

#### i) Commentaries



A Historical Commentary on Thucydides: Gomme, Andrewes and Dover (5 volumes, 1945-1981)

A Commentary on Thucydides, volume 3: ed. Simon Hornblower (2010)

Thucydides Book 6: ed. K J Dover (1965)

**ii) Other works**

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| G. Cawkwell                  | Thucydides and the Peloponnesian War (1997)                               |
| W.R. Connor                  | Thucydides (1994)   |
| G. De Ste. Croix             | The Origins of the Peloponnesian War (1972)                               |
| S. Hornblower                | Greek Historiography (1994)   |
|                              | Thucydides (1987)   |
| D. Kagan                     | The Peace of Nicias and the Sicilian Expedition (1981)                    |
| C. Macleod                   | Collected Essays (1996)   |
| R. Meiggs                    | The Athenian Empire (1972)  |
| C. B. R. Pelling             | Literary Texts and the Greek Historian (2000)                             |
| C. B. R. Pelling and M. Wyke | Twelve Voices from Greece and Rome: Ancient Ideas for Modern Times (2014) |
| J. Rusten (ed.)              | Thucydides (Oxford Readings in Classical Studies, 2009)                   |
| H. D. Westlake               | Individuals in Thucydides (2000)  |

In Our Time: BBC Radio 4 (2015): <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b050bcf1>