



HERODOTUS

HERODOTUS (Gk.Hēródotos), author of the *Histories*, the first monumental Greek work in prose which is still extant (5th cent. B.C.E.). Information on his life is very late, primarily derived from two articles in the *Suda*, a Byzantine lexicon. According to this source Herodotus was born in Halicarnassus and emigrated in 444 to Thurii in southern Italy, where he died. Whether he was in Athens during the 440s giving some lectures and whether he had a close relationship to this town and to the circle around Pericles has been debated in recent scholarship.

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