Classical Greek
Assignment 1

- Memorize the alphabet that appears on page 1 of Atherton (found in "Materials Needed"). You will want to be able to say all the letters without a hitch from alpha to omega.
- Memorize the sounds of the letters as well as the vowel combinations (called diphthongs) on page 2 of Atherton.
- Practice writing the letters, using the **sheet that I have provided** under "Materials Needed." Also, I show you how to make the letters in **this video**. (See if you can tell which letter I mistakenly skipped!)
- There may be one or more questions on the National Greek Exam that deal with Greek mythology. Sometimes there is one, sometimes four, sometimes *none*. Since there are so few questions (maybe none) on the NGE that will involve Greek mythology, and since we have such limited time in class, it would make more sense for us to focus on just the language. Besides, in the past, most of my students already had studied Greek mythology. If you don't feel confident about your knowledge in Greek mythology, you may want to do some self-study, such as reading **D'aulaire's delightful illustrated book on Greek mythology** for children, which will basically teach you everything that you will need to know (and you will enjoy it). Here's a little diagnostic test: If you do not know who Oedipus is; what the name of Odysseus's wife was, or how long Odysseus was absent from his home; or what Jason was in search for when he want off on the ship *Argo*, then a review of Greek mythology might be good for you!
- Review your notes that you wrote in class.

Phoenician	Phoenician name	Modern symbol	Early Greek	Classical Greek	Greek name	Early Latin	Classical Latin
	'aleph	'		Α	alpha		A
	beth	b		Β	beta		B
	gimel	g		Γ	gamma		C
	daleth	d		Δ	delta		D
	he	h		Ε	epsilon		E
	waw	w			digamma		F
							G
	zayin	z		Ζ	zeta		
	ḥeth	h		Η	eta		H
	teth	t		Θ	theta		
	yod	y		Ι	iota		I
							(J)
	kaph	k		Κ	kappa		K
	lamed	l		Λ	lambda		L
	mem	m		Μ	mu		M
	nun	n		Ν	nu		N
	samek	s			xi		
	ayin	'		Ο	omicron		O
	pe	p		Π	pi		P
	sade	s			san		
	qoph	o			qoppa		Q
	reš	r		Ρ	rho		R
	šin	sh/s		Σ	sigma		S
	taw	t			tau		T
				Υ	upsilon		V
				Χ	chi		X
							Y
				Ω	omega		Z