

Notes from October 25, 2006

How accurate is the historical account in the first section?

Thucydides questions other accounts that use myths. (pg. 12)

Thucydides' account is inspired by an epic poem by Homer. (pg. 7)

Did people in his time see the fictional actions of the god as fact?

What leads people to commit crimes?

Poverty

Human Nature

Themes

The role of honor and leadership (pg. 107)

Creon' desire for honor

Odysseus' desire for honor

The Athenian need to be in control of all situations. (pg. 104)

Is it similar to the American need to be in control?

Pg. 69 "It is human nature to... who never give in to you."

Pg. 70 Ideas of responsible ruling

Pg. 73 Increasing security of law

Pg. 74 Use of laws or close surveillance

Pg. 67-68 Speech of Creon

Does loyalty or serving someone's interests lead to contempt?

Do people admire those who never give to them?

American was allied with France and when they didn't support us in Iraq it did lead to contempt.

France's contempt for America can be seen when they choose not to support us, even though America and France served each other's interests for some time.

People do wrong by nature, therefore the security of law will increase over time.

Most cities arrived to the death penalty, and still laws are violated.

Governments can find a penalty more severe than death.