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Finding the Geography in History

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But west of this region two peninsulas stretch out from it into the sea, which I will now describe. On the north side one of the peninsulas begins at the Phasis and stretches seaward along the Pontus and the Hellespont, as far as Sigeum in the Troad; on the south side, the same peninsula has a seacoast beginning at the Myriandric gulf that is near Phoenicia, and stretching seaward as far as the Triopian headland. On this peninsula live thirty nations.
Herodotus
By Herodotus (translated by W. Beloe)
Published 1830 - View on Google Books

CLIO. 15 Amphiaras, Tropbonius, and the Milesian Branchidae. The above-mentioned are the oracles which Croesus consulted in Greece: he sent also to the Lybian Ammon. His motive in these consultations, was to form an idea of the truth of the oracles respectively, meaning afterwards to obtain from them a decisive opinion concerning the propriety of an expedition against the Persians.XL VII. He took this method of proving the truth of their different communications. He computed with his Lydian messengers, that each should consult the different oracles on the hundredth day of their departure from Sardis, and respectively ask what Croesus the son of Alyattes was doing: they were to write down, and communicate to Croesus, the reply of each particular oracle.* Of the oracular answers in general we have no account remaining; but the Lydians had no sooner entered the temple of Delphi, and proposed their questions, than the Pythian* answered thus, in heroic verse: I count the sand, I measure out the sea: The silent and the dumb are heard by me: E'en now the odours to my sense that rise, A tortoise boiling with a lamb supplies, Where brass below and brass above it lies.XL VIII. They wrote down the communica- tion of the Pythian, and returned to Sardis. Of the answers which his other messengers brought with them on their return, Croesus found none which were satisfactory. But...
GapVis | The Snapshot

Herodotus
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The Google Books version of "Herodotus", by Herodotus (translated by W. Beloe), was published in 1830. It references 486 identified ancient places. The place most frequently referenced is Hellas, followed by Sardis/Hyde?, Athenae, and Dirphys M..

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What is Pelagios?

A Decentralised Community & Infrastructure for Linked Open Geodata in the Humanities
Linking together the places of our past through the documents that refer to them.

45+ partners from 10 countries
ca. 1,000,000+ annotations
What Pelagios isn’t | One ring to rule them all

- Data aggregation  X
- Standard data representation  X
- MEGA search portal  X

Connectivity through common references rather than a common schema
The concept | Don’t Unify the Model – Annotate!
Pelagios network | Interlinking different knowledge communities
Recogito | An Annotation Toolkit for joining the linked data world

![Recogito interface](image)

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- **Around AD 700: Exordivm**
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- **Pomponius Mela: De Chorographia (around 43 CE)**
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- **Pliny the Elder: Naturalis Historiae (77 - 79 CE)**
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- **Laterculus of Valencia (post 100 CE)**
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- **Lavis Alexandrianae (post 180 CE)**
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- **Itinerarium de Trongres (200 CE)**
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- **Piazzale delle Corporazioni, Ostia (175 - 200 CE)**
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- **Anonymous: Antonine Itineraries (200 - 225 CE)**
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- **Anonymous: Hadrian's Wall Fort Vessels (100 - 300 CE)**
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- **Lucius Ampelius: Liber Memorialis (around 200 - 225 CE)**
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- **Solinus: C. IVLII SOLINI (225 - 275 CE)**
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- **Itinerarium de Astorga (267 - 276 CE)**
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- **Divisio Orbis Terrarum (300 - 400 CE)**
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- **Anonymous: Expositio Totius Mundi et Gentium (300 - 400 CE)**
  - Complete: 287
- **Anonymous: Vicarello Beakers (around 200 - 400 CE)**
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[PELAGIOS logo]
The Panionion is a sacred ground in Mykale, facing partly; it was set apart for Poseidon of Helicon by the joint will of the Ionians. Mykale is a western promontory of the island of Chios, in the territory of which the Ionians used to assemble there from their cities and keep the festival to which they gave the name of Panionion. The Ionian festivals, but all those of all the Greeks alike, end in the same letter, just as do the names of the Ionian cities. There are the Ionian cities, and these are they: Miletus, Mytilene, Myrtilus, Eryx, Erythrai, Phara, Ch心脏病, 49 Lerisae, Neon Teichos, Temnos, Cilla, Notion, Aegiroessa, Pitane, Aegaeae, Myrrha, Corythoe. These are the ancient Aeolian cities, eleven in number; but one of them, Smyrna, was taken away by the Ionians; for these too were once twelve, on the mainland. [2] These Aeolians had settled where the land was better than the Ionian territory, but the climate was not so good. 150.

Now this is how the Aeolians lost Smyrna. Some men of Colophon, the losers in civil strife and exiles from their country, had been received by them into the town. These Colophonian exiles waited for the time when the men of Smyrna were holding a festival to Dionysus outside the walls; then they shut the gates and so got the city. [2] Then all the Aeolians came to recover it; and an agreement was made, whereby the Aeolians would receive back their movable goods from the Ionians, and leave the city. After this was done, the other eleven cities divided the Smyrneaeans among themselves and made them citizens of their own. 151.

These then are the Aeolian cities on the mainland, besides those that are situated on Ida and are separate. [2] Among those on the islands, five divide Lesbos among them (there was a sixth on Lesbos, Arisba, but its people were enslaved by their kinfolk
Image Annotation | Marking toponyms on maps (The “Target”)
Georesolution | Matching the toponyms to gazetteers (The “Body”)
Toponym detail | Finding the right gazetteer match
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Pelagios 3 outcomes | Browser-based maps of geographic data

Homer: E010 Odyssey
800 - 700 BCE

Phaistos

Phaistos, Phaistos/Ag, loannis
An ancient place, cited: Atlas 60 C2 Phaistos
Appears 2 times in this document.

sea from a place called Gortyn, and all along this part of the coast as far as Phaestus the sea runs high when there is a south wind blowing, but after Phaestus the co
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Towards a digital scholarship | Bottomless Maps

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An ancient place, cited: BAtlas 61 A3 Delos

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Related Places

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Towards a digital scholarship | Future Footnotes

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  - A place described in the Pleiades gazetteer: An ancient city of Campania destroyed by the volcanic eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in AD 79, named as UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997. Further information at [Pelagios](https://www.pelagios.org/)

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- Epigraphic Database Heidelberg [8 references]

*Linking data provided by Pelagios*
The Pelagios API v.3 | A “google” style search with bells

Pelagios 3 »

Greek Tradition Documents
by Pelagios 3 Project

Early Geospatial Documents from the Greek Tradition.
BC 750 – AD 550

30 items with 18,612 references to 2,502 unique places

Most Frequently Referenced Places

- Sparta: 856
- Athenae: 693
- Thebai/Thebae: 390
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API v.3 query | Compare the geographical footprints of traditions
Building a Community | The SEA CHANGE Award

ca. 15,000 annotation edits!
Linked Pasts | An Emerging Ecosystem

Infrastructure & Support

Pelagios
SNAP
Open Annotation
British Library

Perseids
Shared Canvas
Hypothes.is
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Concept Schemes

Pleiades
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Google Ancient Places (OU, Soton)
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LGPN (Oxford)
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Decentralising Pelagios in 3 ways:

Technical:
- Recogito as software and open service
- Integrating Peripleo with other services

Social:
- 10 Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
- Overall management devolved to Pelagios Commons Committee

Sustainability:
- Long term financial and governance planning
Thank you for your attention!

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