

# Attic Inscriptions: Education (AIE) Resources

Slides for GCSE Ancient History Specifications

# Depth Study: Athens in the Age of Pericles, 462-429 BC.

“In the depth studies, the focus will be on the critical use of ancient source material in investigating and assessing historical questions, problems and issues.”

Athenian decree  
about Erythrai. c.  
454-50 BC

[AIUK 4.2 \(British  
Museum Decrees\)  
no. 2](#)



# Fragment of a tribute list for 448/7 BC

Now at the British Museum (*IG I<sup>3</sup> 264 = 1863,0516.1*).  
Fragment of the accounts of the *Hellenotamiai*  
(Treasurers of the Greeks) for the year 448/7 BC  
recording contributions by four communities to the  
Delian League. One of many fragments making up a  
pillar inscribed on all four sides; this fragment  
preserves lines 16-19 of column I (list 7). The names of  
the communities appear on other fragments.

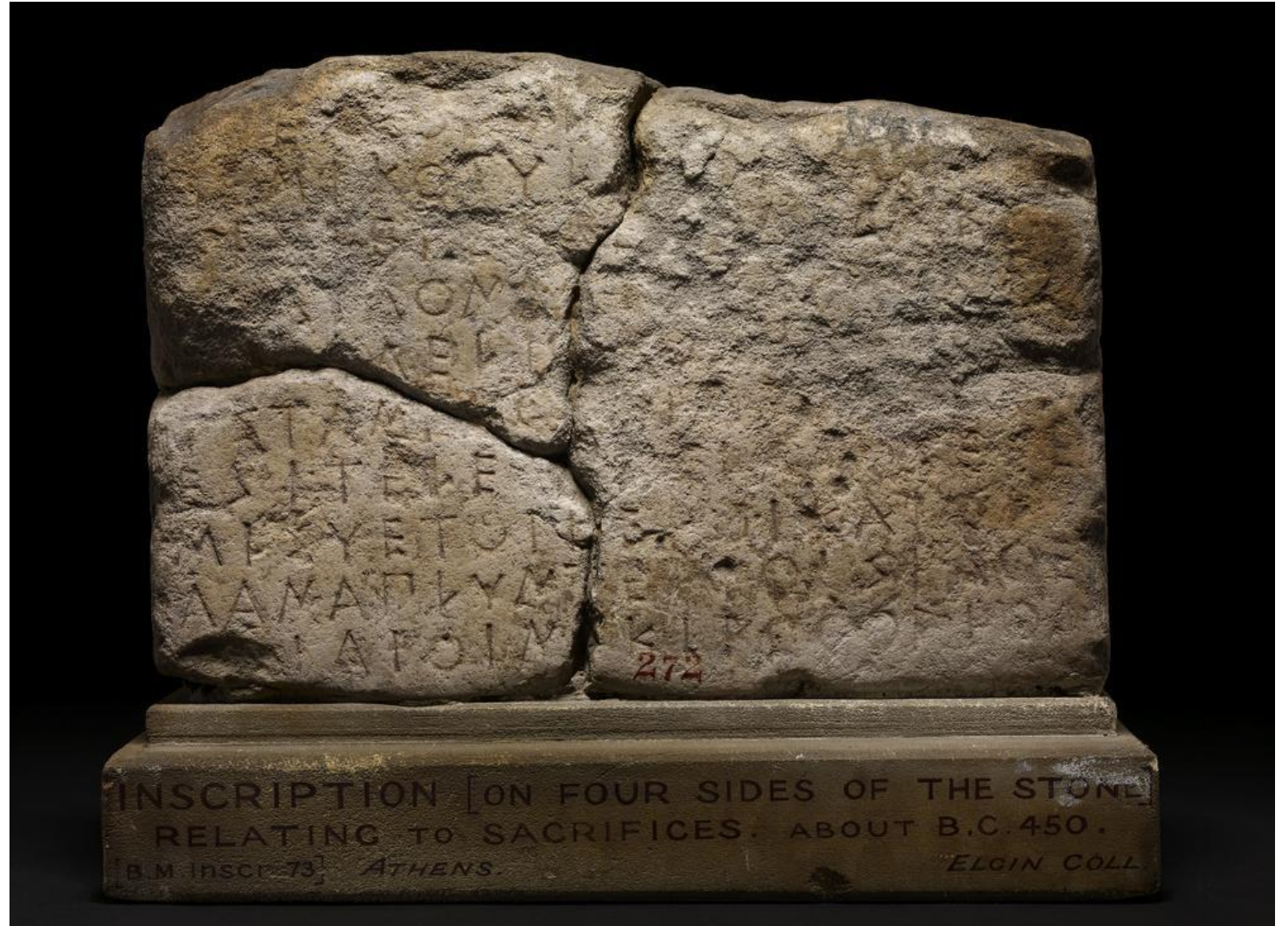
[3]00 drachmai:	[Chersonesioi]
16 drachmai 4 obols:	[Pyrnioi]
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# Sacrificial Calendar, ca. 470-450 BC. [AIUK](#) [4.1 \(British Museum. Cult Provisions\) no. 2.](#)

‘... [the officials?] shall give to the priest ... [three?] half-cups of - , firewood. On the sixth of Thargelion, for the heroines [of - ?] a full-grown animal; ... half as much for the hero, and firewood (?). At the *Plynteria* for Athena a sheep. In Skirophorion.... For Hermes two *choinikes* of wheat, three spits. For the two heroes in the plain, a full-grown animal for each.’

For translation of other parts of this document, see [Attic Inscriptions in UK Collections 4.1 \(Cult Provisions\) no. 2](#)



# Athenians the affirm their alliance with the Rhegians, 433/2 BC. [AIUK 4.2 \(BM, Decrees of Council and Assembly\) no. 4](#)

Gods. Envoys from Rhegion who made the alliance and the oath, Kleandros son of Xen— son of –tinus, Silenos son of Phokos, [–son of –]. In the archonship of Apseudes (433/2) and under the Council for which Kritiades was first secretary. The Council and the People decided. Akamantis was the prytany. Charias was secretary. Timoxenos was chairman. Kallias proposed: there shall be an alliance between the Athenians and the Rhegians. The Athenians shall swear the oath [in order that everything may be] in good faith and without deceit and [straightforward on the part of the Athenians] for all time towards the Rhegians, [swearing as follows]: ‘we shall be faithful allies, [just] and strong and unharmed [for all time to the Rhegians, and] we shall oblige them if they [need anything]’ . . .



# Erechtheion Building Accounts, 409/8 BC

Now at the British Museum ([IG I<sup>3</sup> 474](#)):

‘... We found the following parts of the temple half-finished: at the corner towards the Kekropeion:

4 wall-blocks unplaced, length four feet, width two feet, thickness one foot and a half....

1 *maschaliaia*, length four feet, width three feet, thickness one foot and a half...

5 blocks of wall-crown, length four feet, width three feet, thickness one foot and a half...’

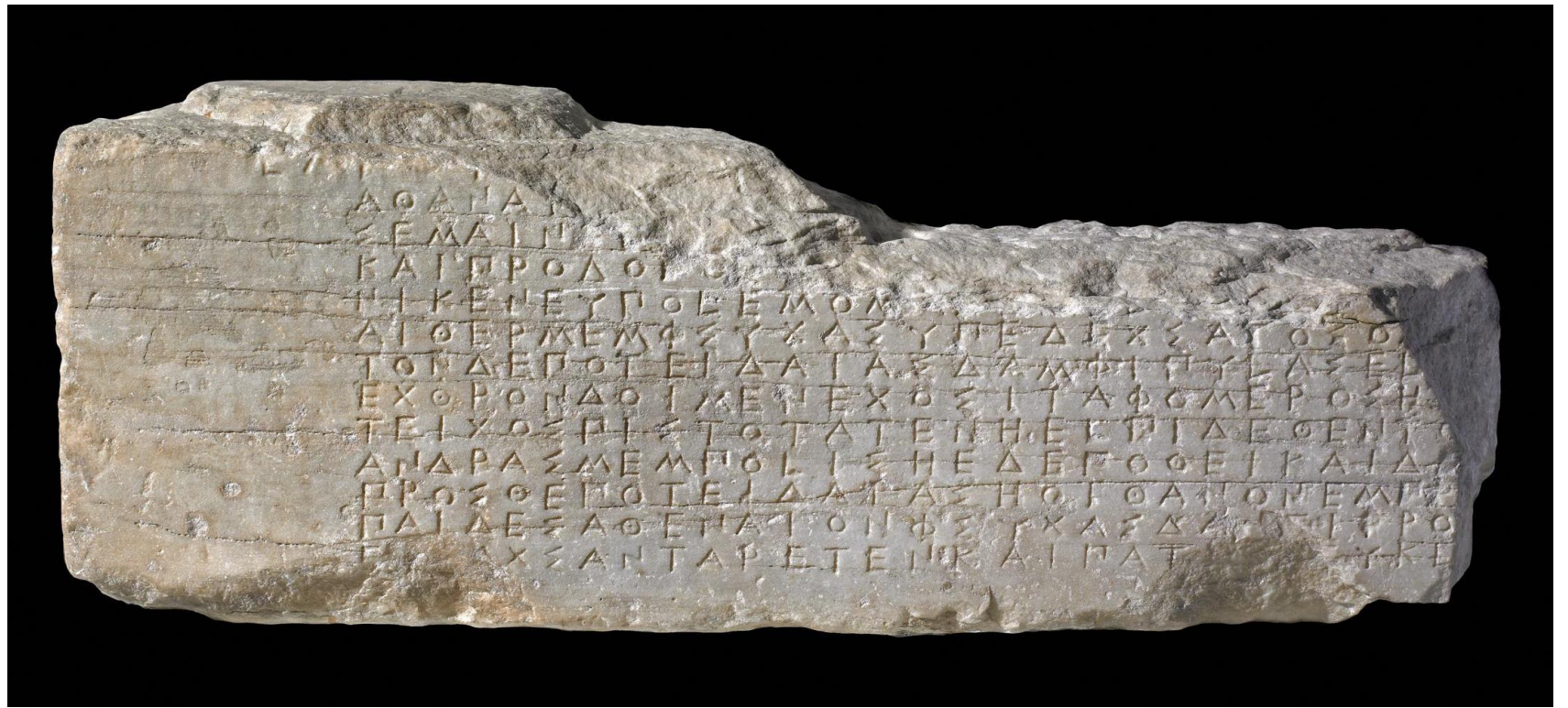


Decree about temple building. [AIUK 4.2 \(BM, Decrees of Council and Assembly\) no. 6](#), 450-403 BC.





Poem for the  
Athenians who  
fell at the Battle  
of Potidaia in  
432 BC: BM  
1816,0610.348



At Pot[idaia the following Athenians died.]

Immortal - - -

to mark out excellence - - -

and by the strength of their forefathers - - -

a victory fine in war they got as their memorial when they perished.

*Aither* received their souls, and earth the bodies  
of these men; and around the gates of Potidaia were they severed.  
And of their foes, some have their share of a tomb, others fled and  
set their wall as the surest hope of life.

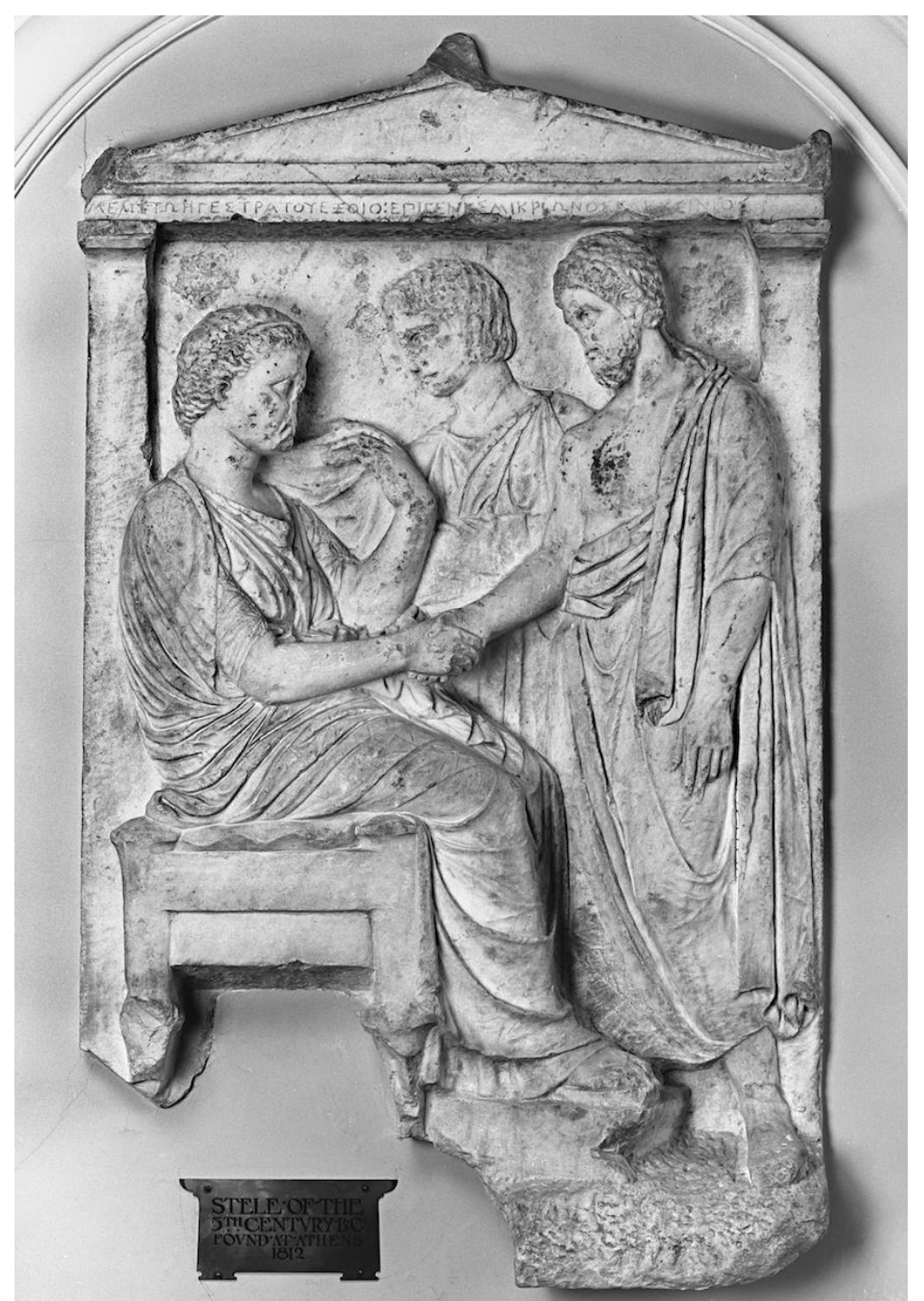
This city and [people of Erechtheus] longs for these men,  
who before Potidaia died in the front ranks,

sons of the Athenians; but casting their lives into the scales,

they drew the lot of excellence (*arete*) and brought glory (*eukleia*) to their homeland (*patris*).

Funerary stele for  
Melisto and  
Epigenes, c.350 BC.  
[AIUK 5 \(Lyme Park  
no. 2\).](#)

An inscription above the  
sculpture reads as follows:  
'Melisto daughter of  
Hegestratos of Oion. Epigenes  
son of Mikrion of Eleusis'.



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