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Herodotos son of Menodotos

Ἡρόδοτος Μηνοδότῳ

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Name:	Herodotos	Place of Origin:	Asia Minor Ionia Teos	Role/s:	envoy
Patronymic:	son of Menodotos				
Ethnic/demotic:	Teian (Τηϊός)				

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Teos to Hyrtakina, 175-125 BC**Mission date**

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Keywords

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Teos to Malla, 175-125 BC

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Honours

praise

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international protection, isopolity, oracles, renewal of agreements

Teos to Priansos, 175-125 BC

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Honours

praise

Keywords

international protection, music, poetry, renewal of agreements

Teos to Knossos, 175-125 BC

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Honours

praise

Keywords

intellectuals as envoys, international protection, music, poetry, renewal of agreements

Teos to Erannos, 175-125 BC**Mission date**

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Honours

hospitality meal, praise, proxeny

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international protection, isopolity, renewal of agreements

Teos to Biannos, 175-125 BC**Mission date**

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**Greek Designation**

presbeutes

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Honours

hospitality meal, praise, proxeny

Keywords

international protection, renewal of agreements

Teos to Arkades, 175-125 BC**Mission date**

175 BC 125 BC

Greek Designation

presbeutes

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Honours

hospitality gifts, praise, proxeny

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international protection, isopolity, renewal of agreements

Teos to Aptera, 175-125 BC**Mission date**

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Commentary

Herodotos son of Menodotos, together with Menekles son of Dionysios, was sent by Teos to Crete in order to renew previous agreements with Cretan cities regarding the *asylia* of the temple of Dionysos. The chronology of their mission is uncertain; several decades must separate it from the previous one, accomplished by Apollodotos son of Astyanax and Kolotes son of Hekatonymos by 200 BC. They visit at least nine cities, of which four (Aptera, Arkades, Biannos and Knossos) were already known from the first call for *asylia*. The other five cities seem to accept a renewal of past agreements too, so we can infer that Apollodotos and Kolotes visited also them in their diplomatic trip. Documents do not explain the reason why Teian felt they needed to prepare a new embassy to Cretan community about their status of *asylia*: regardless, it is worthwhile to note that Teian envoys asked explicitly for a new engraving of the past acknowledgements of *asylia*. Therefore, it is possible that Cretan communities were not proactive to ensure Teian international rights, but there is not any direct reference to a specific situation of violation. Herodotos and Menekles were exceptionally honoured at Knossos and Priansos, where they were praised for their poetic performances.