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## Menekles son of Dionysios

Μενεκλῆς Διονυσίου

<b>ID:</b>	GED 06.04.448	<b>Chronology:</b>	About 175 BC 125 BC	<b>Greek designation/s:</b>	prengeutas, presbeutes
<b>Name:</b>	Menekles	<b>Place of Origin:</b>	Asia Minor Ionia Teos	<b>Role/s:</b>	envoy
<b>Patronymic:</b>	son of Dionysios				
<b>Ethnic/demotic:</b>	Teian (Τηϊός)				
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### General info

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#### Honours

hospitality meal, praise, proxeny

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### Missions List

#### Teos to an unknown Cretan city, 175-125 BC

##### Mission date

175 BC 125 BC

##### Recipient

Aptera

**Sender**

Teos

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**Envoy/Colleagues**

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**Keywords**

international protection

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**Teos to an unknown Cretan city, 175-125 BC****Mission date**

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**Recipient**

Aptera

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international protection, renewal of agreements

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

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**Greek Designation**

prengeutas

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**Recipient**

Aptera

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**Sender**

Teos

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**Honours**

hospitality meal, praise, proxeny

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**Keywords**

international protection, isopolity, renewal of agreements

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## Teos to Malla, 175-125 BC

**Mission date**

175 BC 175 BC

**Greek Designation**

prengeutas

**Recipient**

Aptera

**Sender**

Teos

**Envoy/Colleagues**

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**Honours**

praise

**Keywords**

international protection, isopolity, oracles, renewal of agreements

## Teos to Priansos, 175-125 BC

**Mission date**

175 BC 125 BC

**Greek Designation**

prengeutas

**Recipient**

Aptera

**Sender**

Teos

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**Honours**

praise

**Keywords**

international protection, music, poetry, renewal of agreements

## Teos to Knossos, 175-125 BC

**Mission date**

175 BC 125 BC

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**Greek Designation**

prengeutas

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**Recipient**

Aptera

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**Sender**

Teos

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**Honours**

praise

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**Keywords**

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

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

175 BC 125 BC

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**Greek Designation**

prengeutas

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**Recipient**

Aptera

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**Sender**

Teos

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**Honours**

hospitality meal, praise, proxeny

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**Keywords**

international protection, isopolity, renewal of agreements

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

175 BC 125 BC

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**Greek Designation**

presbeutes

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**Recipient**

Aptera

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**Sender**

Teos

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**Honours**

hospitality meal, praise, proxeny

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**Keywords**

international protection, renewal of agreements

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

175 BC 125 BC

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**Greek Designation**

presbeutes

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**Recipient**

Aptera

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**Sender**

Teos

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**Honours**

hospitality gifts, praise, proxeny

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**Keywords**

international protection, isopolity, renewal of agreements

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

175 BC 125 BC

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**Greek Designation**

prengeutas

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# Greek Envoys and Diplomacy

## in the Hellenistic and Roman World

**Recipient**

Aptera

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**Sender**

Teos

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**Honours**

hospitality meal

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### Commentary

Menekles son of Dionysios, together with Herodotos son of Menodotos, 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 Priastos, where they were praised for their poetic performances; Menekles in particular is commemorated for his citharedic skills, because during his stay he sang several poems collecting mythical material on local history from ancient poets and historians.