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## Perdikkas

### Περδίκκας

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| <b>ID:</b>             | GED 06.04.056         | <b>Chronology:</b>      | About 203 BC 201 BC         | <b>Greek designation/s:</b> | presbeutes, preigeutas, pemphtheis |
| <b>Name:</b>           | Perdikkas             | <b>Place of Origin:</b> | Asia Minor<br>Ionia<br>Teos | <b>Role/s:</b>              | envoy                              |
| <b>Patronymic:</b>     |                       |                         |                             |                             |                                    |
| <b>Ethnic/demotic:</b> | Teian (Τηϊός)         |                         |                             |                             |                                    |
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### General info

#### Inscriptions

LBW 66  
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#### Honours

hospitality gifts

#### Lexicon

axios, philos, philotimia, syngeneia

#### Keywords

Antigonid domain, Cretan war, international protection, liberation of prisoners, royal power projection

### Missions List

#### Teos to Sybrita, 203-201 BC

##### Mission date

203 BC 201 BC

##### Greek Designation

presbeutes

**Recipient**

Allaria

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**Patron**

Philip V (king of Macedon)

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**Sender**

Teos

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**Envoy/Colleagues**

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**Teos to Lato pros Kamara, 203-201 BC****Mission date**

203 BC 201 BC

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**Greek Designation**

preigeutas

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**Recipient**

Allaria

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**Patron**

Philip V (king of Macedon)

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**Sender**

Teos

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**Envoy/Colleagues**

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**Teos to Lato, 203-201 BC****Mission date**

203 BC 201 BC

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**Greek Designation**

preigeutas

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**Recipient**

Allaria

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**Patron**

Philip V (king of Macedon)

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**Sender**

Teos

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**Envoy/Colleagues**

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**Teos to Istron, 203-201 BC****Mission date**

203 BC 201 BC

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**Greek Designation**

presbeutes

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**Recipient**

Allaria

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**Patron**

Philip V (king of Macedon)

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**Sender**

Teos

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**Envoy/Colleagues**

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**Lexicon**

syngeneia

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**Teos to Eleutherna, 203-201 BC****Mission date**

203 BC 201 BC

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**Greek Designation**

pemphtheis, presbeutes

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**Recipient**

Allaria

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**Patron**

Philip V (king of Macedon)

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**Sender**

Teos

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**Envoy/Colleagues**

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**Keywords**

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**Teos to (W)Axos, 203-201 BC****Mission date**

203 BC 201 BC

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**Greek Designation**

preigeutas

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**Recipient**

Allaria

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**Patron**

Philip V (king of Macedon)

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**Sender**

Teos

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**Envoy/Colleagues**

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**Teos to Arkades, 203-201 BC****Mission date**

203 BC 201 BC

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**Greek Designation**

preigeutas, presbeutes

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**Recipient**

Allaria

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**Patron**

Philip V (king of Macedon)

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**Sender**

Teos

**Envoy/Colleagues**

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**Teos to Allaria, 203-201 BC****Mission date**

203 BC 201 BC

**Greek Designation**

presbeutes

**Recipient**

Allaria

**Patron**

Philip V (king of Macedon)

**Sender**

Teos

**Envoy/Colleagues**

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**Lexicon**

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## Commentary

Perdikkas was a royal envoy at the service of Philipp V. His diplomatic activity is entirely known from the *asylia* documents of Teos and is circumscribed to his presence in Crete, but it is not possible to reconstruct his tasks on behalf of the Macedonian king. During his diplomatic trip in Crete, he joined the Teian ambassadors Apollodotos and Kolotes in at least seven cases, mostly around the gulf of Olous (Istron, Latos and Latos pros Kamara) and the region of Eleutherna (Eleutherna itself, Allaria and Axos), with the isolated exception of Arkades. The high number of missions accomplished together with the Teian shows a synergic cooperation: Perdikkas should probably accompany them systematically, city by city. We know from multiple sources that Perdikkas was a citizen of Teos (e.g.: *LBW* 70, ll. 24-5: "ὁ πολίτης αὐτῶν"): it means that either Perdikkas was originally Teian, and then became a royal envoy on behalf of Philipp V, or he was originally Macedonian (hence the name), but had so closed ties with Teos that he had already obtained the Teian citizenship as a result of previous credits towards the city. His zeal is testified by the mission to Sybrita, that time alone (although Sybrita is close to Eleutherna): it is possible that Sybrita was not on the way of the two civic envoys – Teian missions are concentrated in the northern shore of Crete – so the diplomatic group split up to reach more cities and widen



the extent of their embassy; it could also have happened that Perdikkas had to go to Sybrita on other assignments, and took the opportunity to plead the cause of his fellow citizens.

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