



The Visual Cultures of Classical Greece

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The visual cultures of Greek pottery

Reading:

Plantzos 2016: 70-75; 86-103.

Survey:

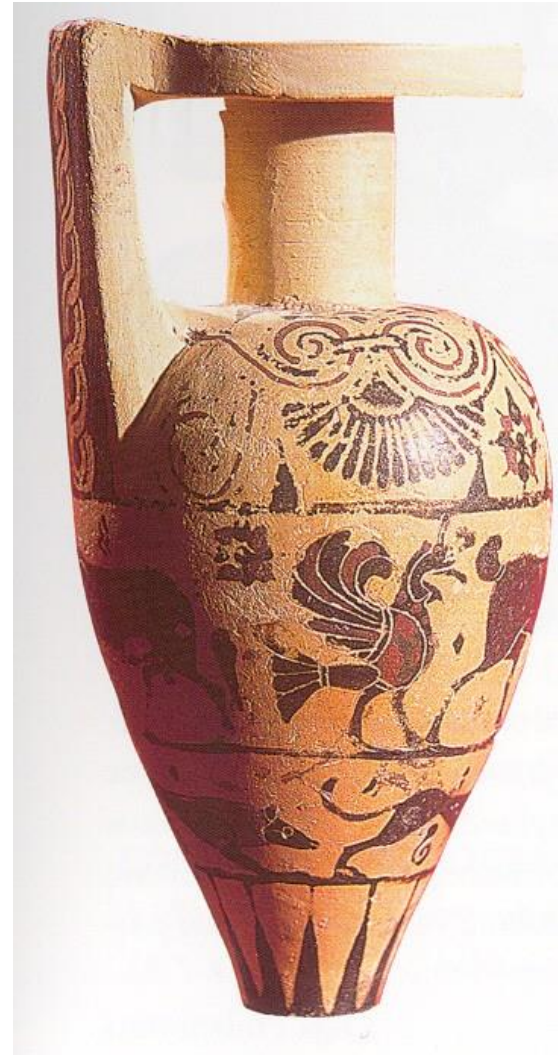
Kaltsas 2007: 153-173

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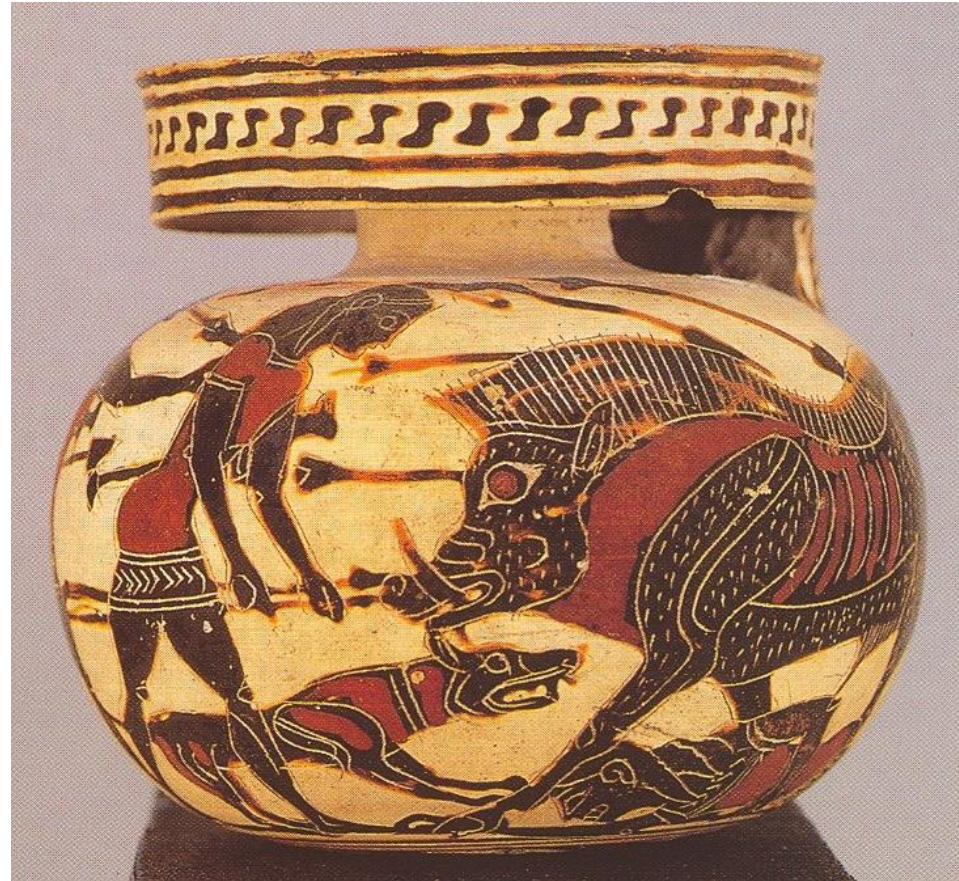
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**Athenian black-figure amphora.
c. 615-605 BCE**



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**Athenian black-figure
krater.
c. 570-565 BCE**





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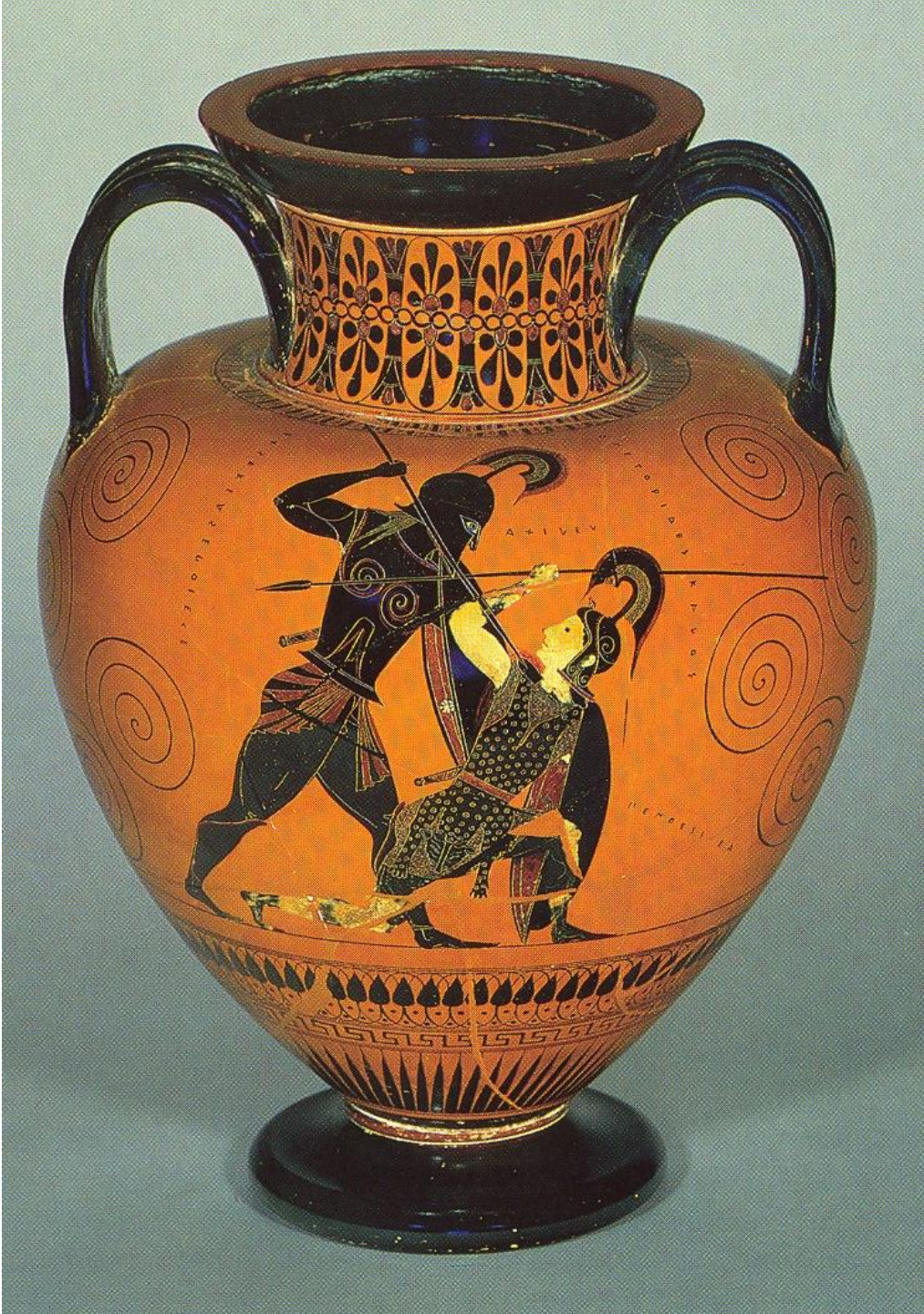




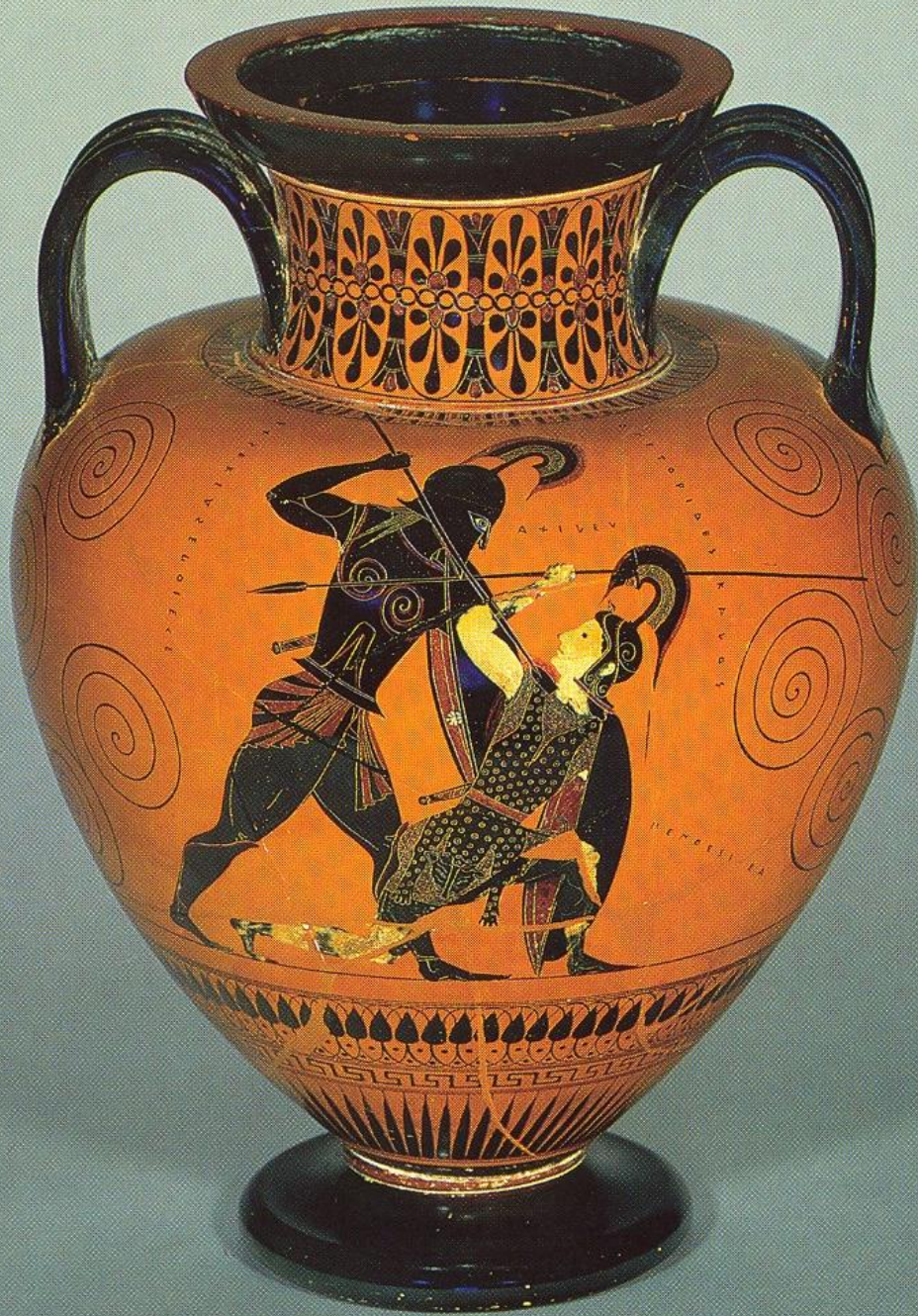
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**Athenian black-figure
amphora. c. 530 BCE**



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**Athenian black-figure
kylix. c. 540 BCE**



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**Athenian black-figure
lekythos. c. 550 BCE**



**Athenian black-figure hydria.
c. 520-510 BCE**

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- uses painted lines or thick black brush marks ('relief lines') to complete the outline of the figure and render anatomical detail



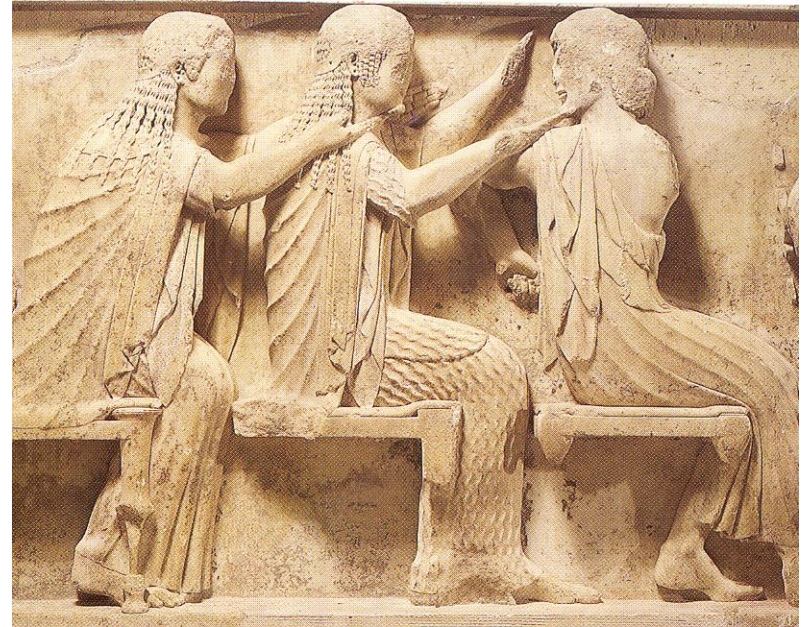
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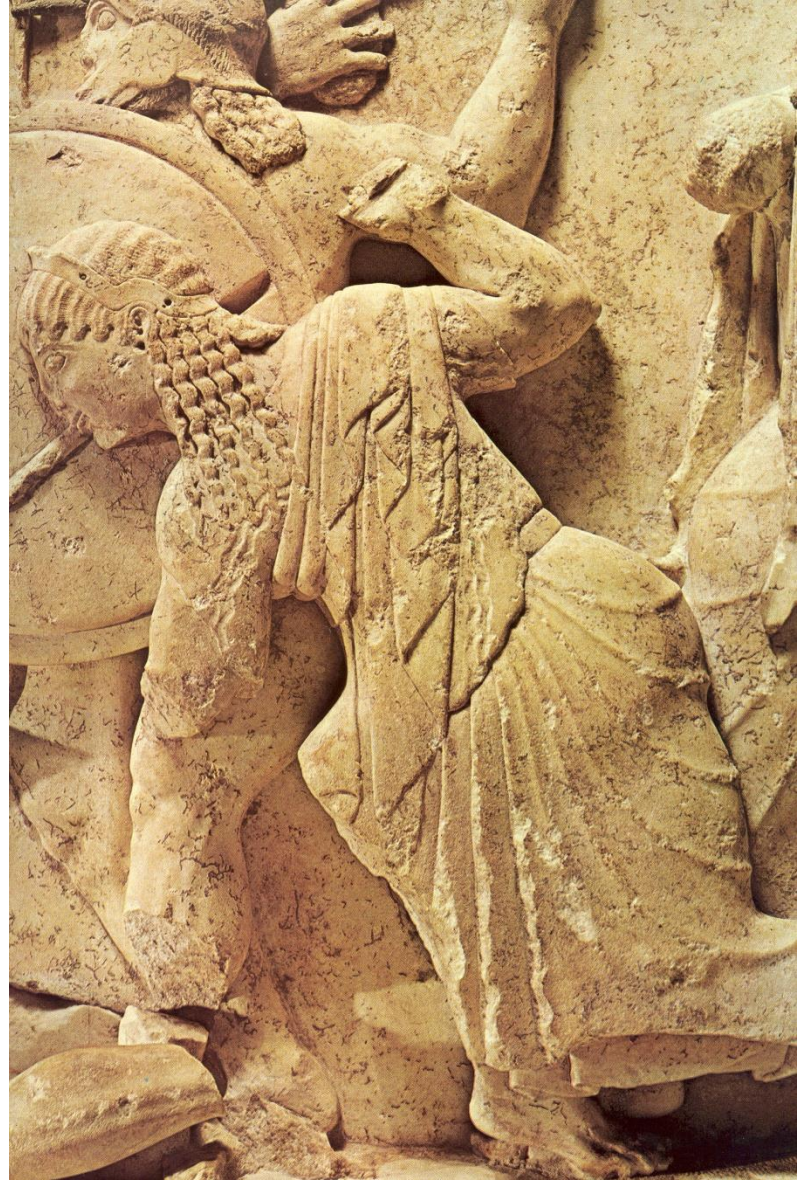
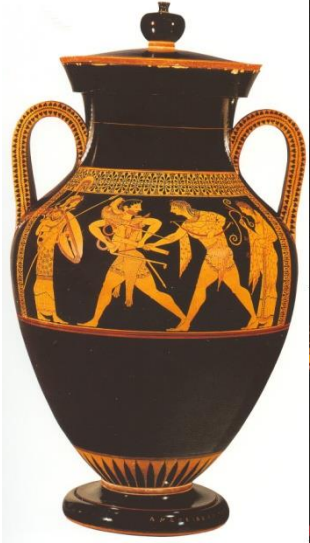


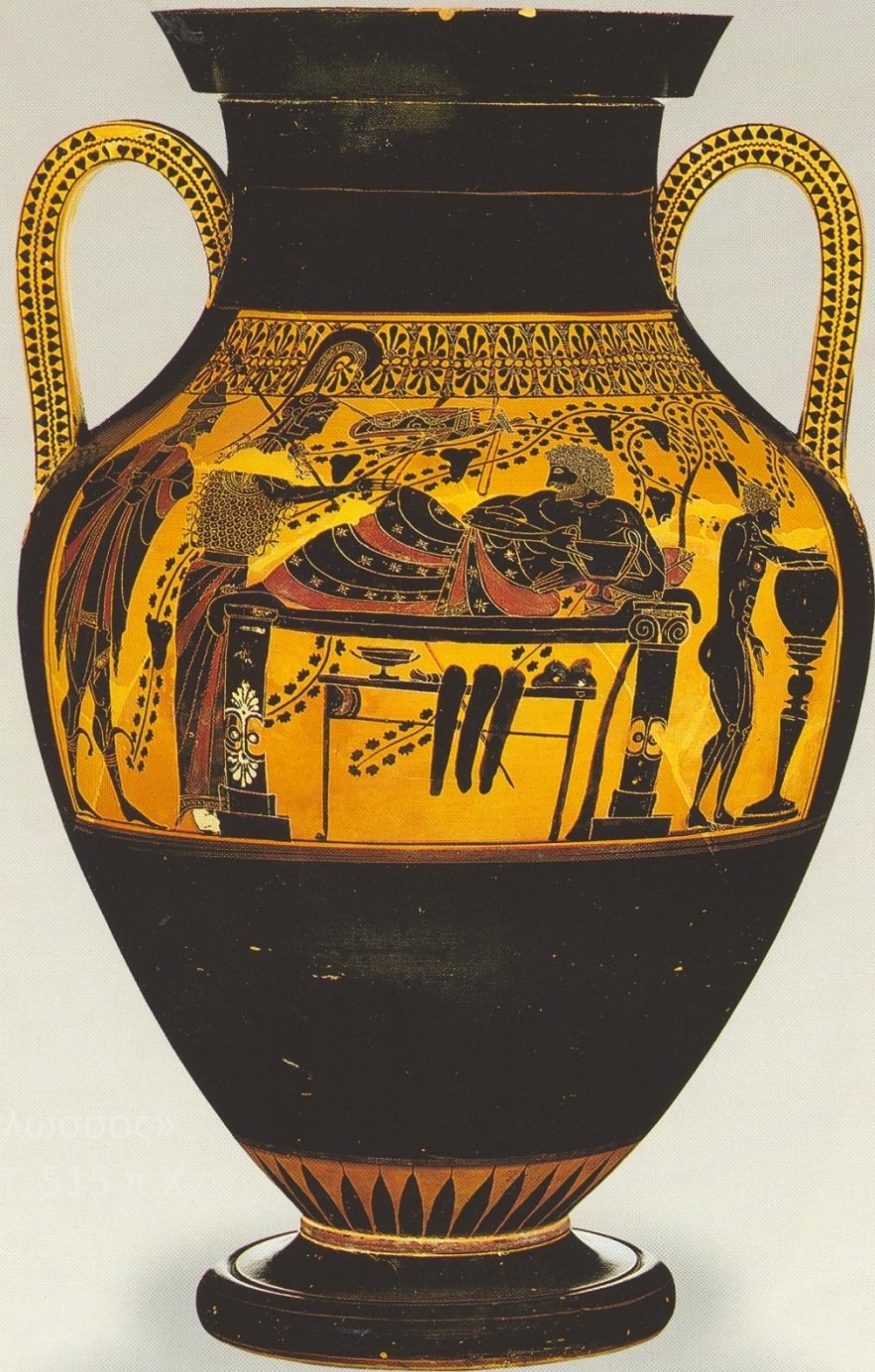




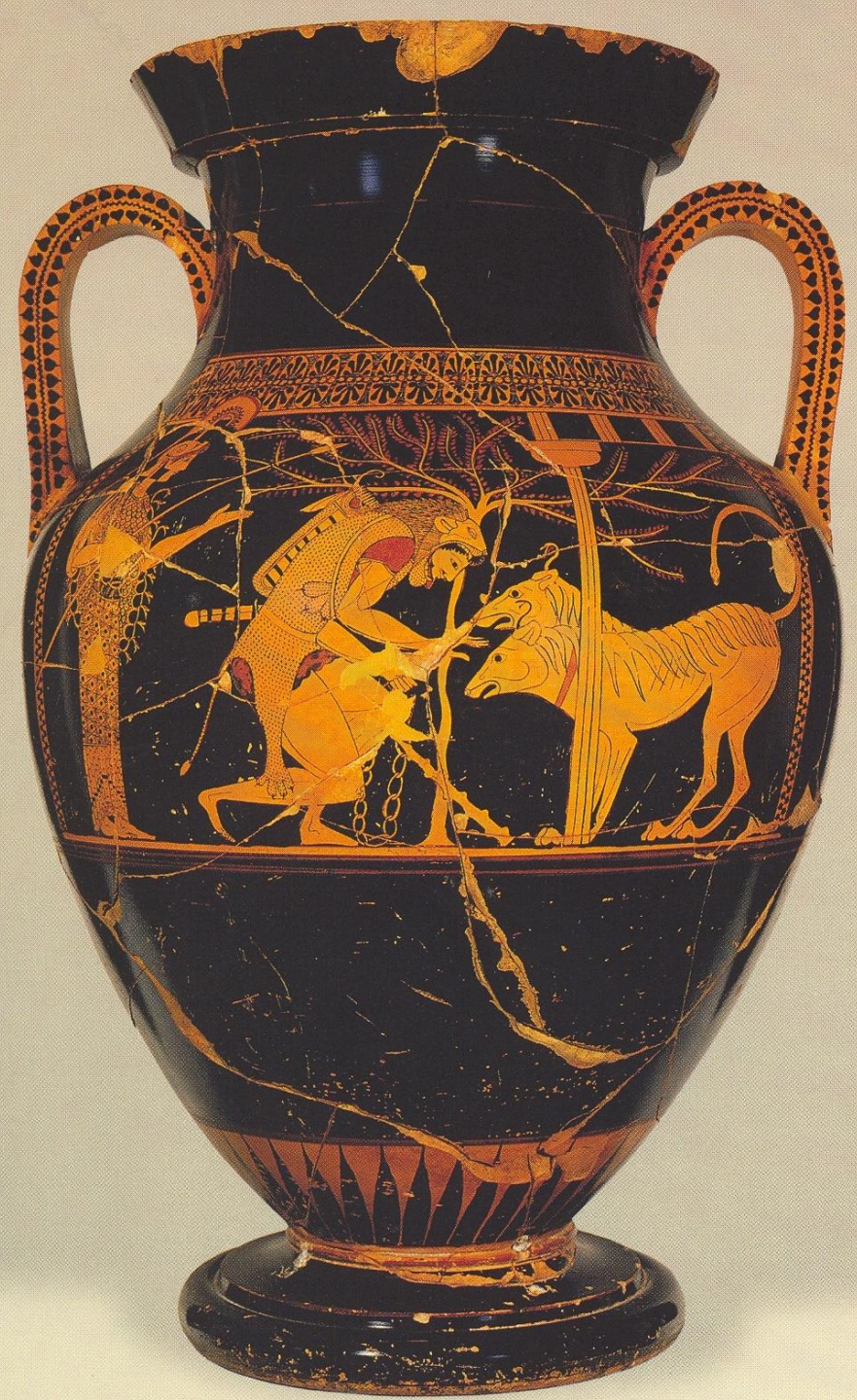


Delphi, the Siphnian Treasury.
c. 525 BCE





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**Athenian “bilingual” amphora.
c. 520 BCE**

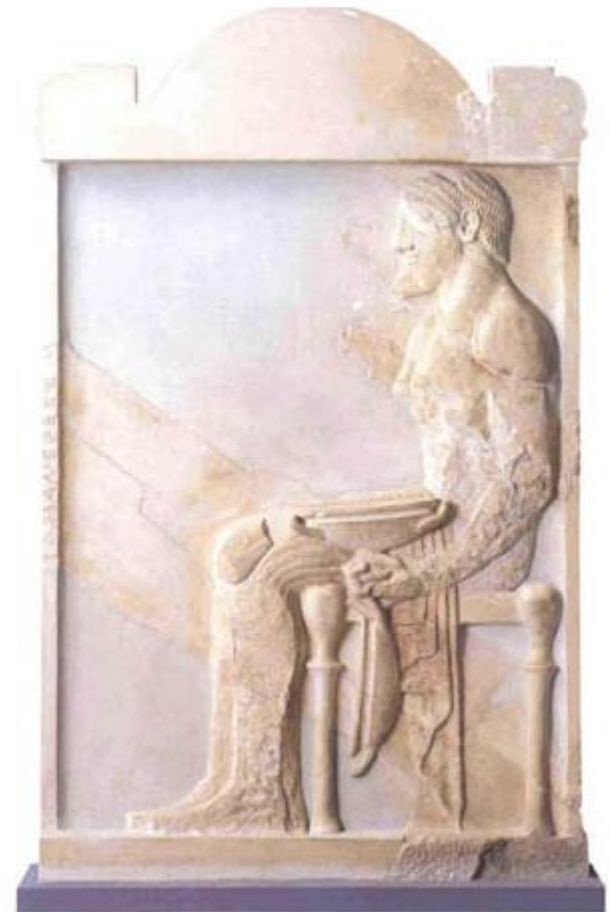


Athenian red-figure krater. c. 515-510 BCE





Athenian votive relief.
c. 510-500 BCE





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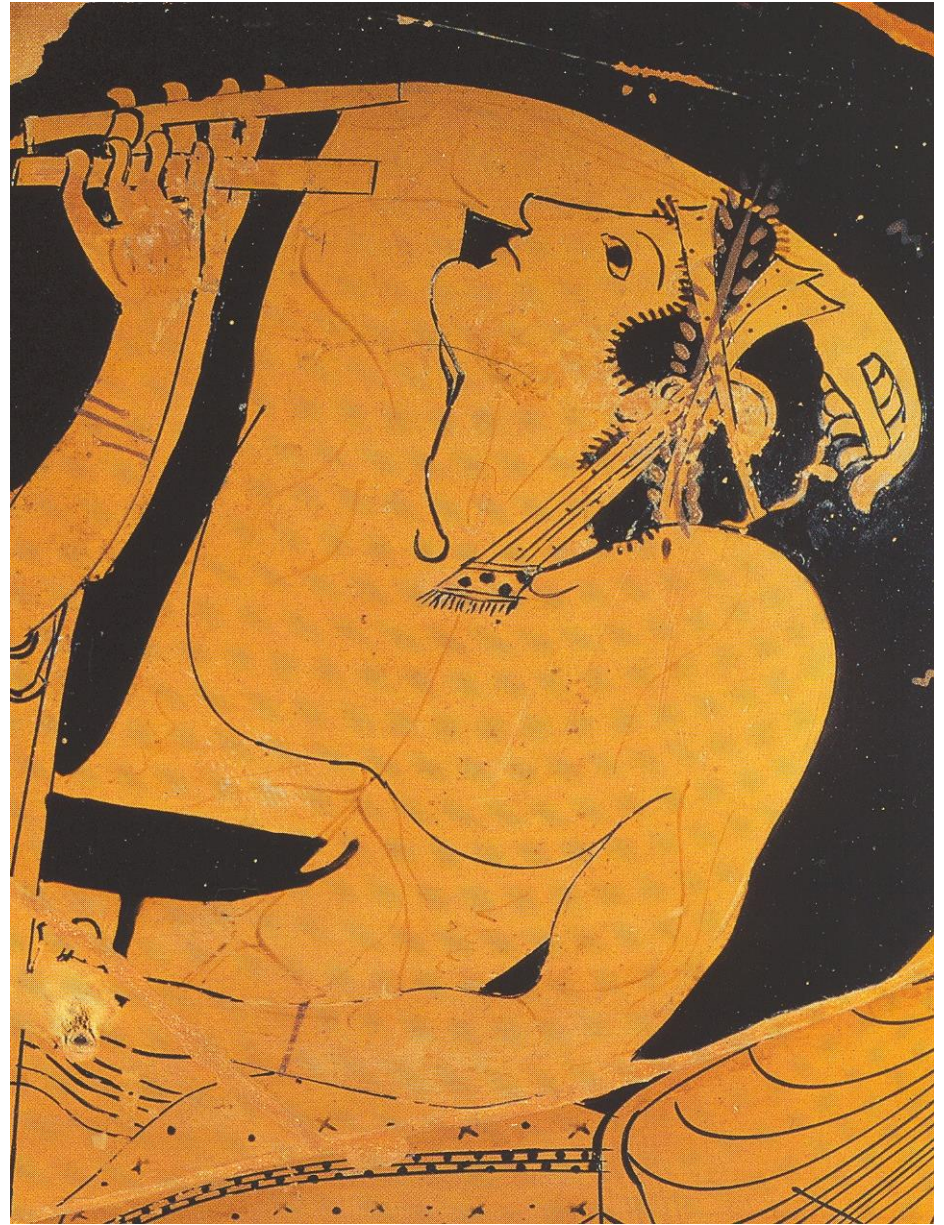
**Athenian red-figure hydria.
c. 510 BCE**



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c. 510 BCE**



**Athenian red-figure
stamnos. c. 515 BCE**





**Athenian red-figure amphora.
c. 490 BCE**



Materiality

Reading:

Whitley 2018: 579-595 (in Smith & Plantzos).

Plantzos 2016: ch. 3.