

Math 1010: Introduction to Mathematics



- Geometry of our Earth and Universe
- Personal Finance
- Consumer Statistics
- What is Mathematics?

- what mathematics is
- what it has to offer and why it is useful
- diverse ways that people succeed in and impact it
- truth & consequences (and unintended consequences)
- diverse perspectives & disciplines, including local to global
- critical and creative inquiry
- full gened Quantitative Literacy (QL) credit

Grading and Policies

- Participation 10%
attendance (> 6 days=F), hw, class activities, office hours, ASULearn
- 4 Projects 30%
- 3 Tests 45%
- Final Research Presentation 15%

No late work, but lowest problem set and lowest test is dropped and accommodations for emergencies with documentation.

- Work due start of class (can send it with another student)
- under my office door sometime before I leave for class
- or even turn in on ASULearn if need be, but I prefer printed

Where to Get Help

- Class
- Office hours
- Math lab
- Google *Dr. Sarah* for course calendar
- ASULearn (Discussion Forums)

I care about you and your success!

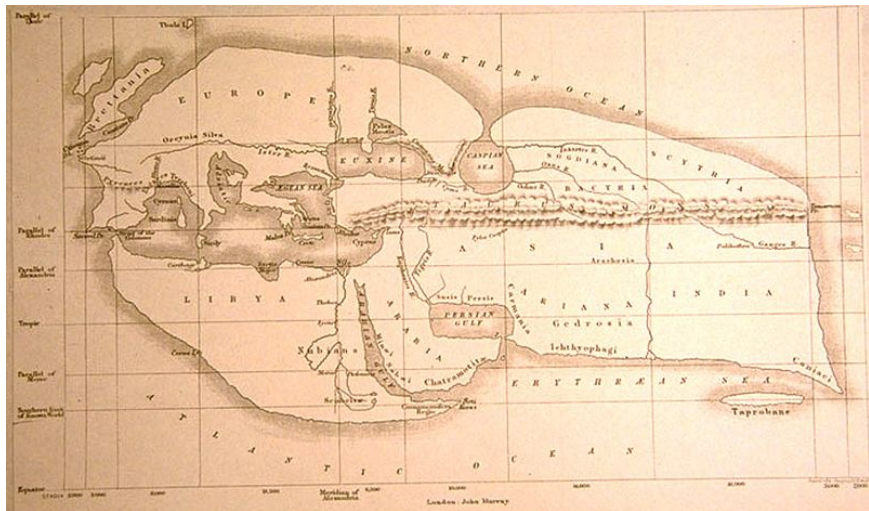


Discussion Question

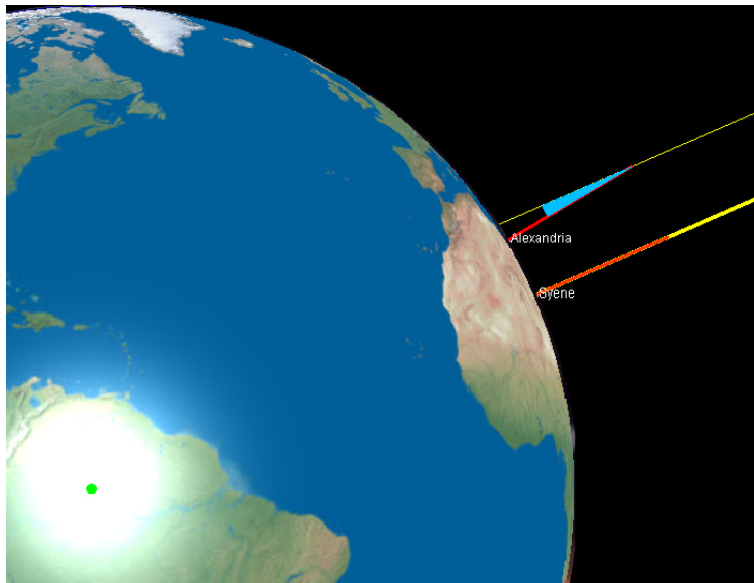
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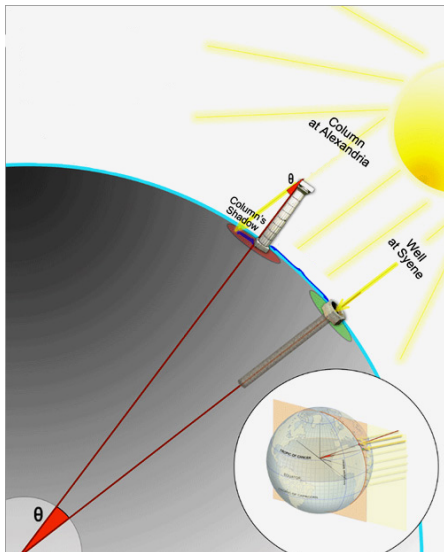
Eratosthenes' (~276 BCE – ~195 BCE) View of the Earth



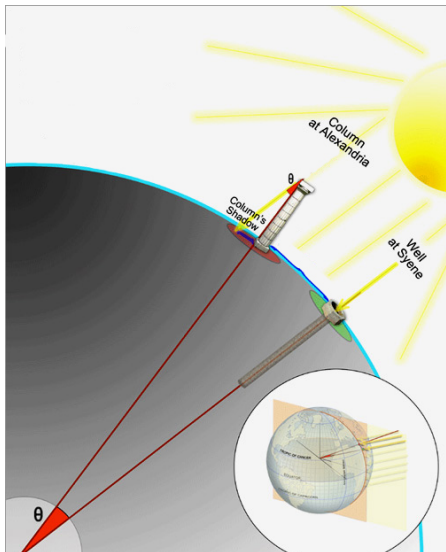
Eratosthenes' Data



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$$\frac{7.2^\circ}{360^\circ} = \frac{5000 \text{ stadia}}{\text{circumference}}$$

Local to Global: Multiple Perspectives



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Not everyone is convinced: flat earth society

