What are you doing?

This is the culmination of a year long undergraduate research project concerning the battle of Marathon in 490 BCE. I am testing a disputed claim made by the ancient historian Herodotus that Athenian citizen-soldiers charged a distance of a mile in full armor to engage and subsequently rout an invading Persian force.

Why are you doing that?

I want to better understand the battle of Marathon and to provide a well researched answer to the question of whether the Greeks could have made this charge and still been able to fight. This will also help me better understand ancient people in general by showing me what they may have been capable of.

What is the relevance of your project to today?

The foundation of this project is the importance of source analysis. Whether it is a two-thousand year old primary document or a two hour old news article, they should be evaluated for veracity, bias, and agenda rather than accepted at face value.

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<th>Greek Stats</th>
<th>My Stats</th>
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<td>Average Height: ~5’5”</td>
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<td>Average Weight: ~150 lbs</td>
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<td>Weight Carried: 28 - 45 lbs (~⅓ Bodyweight)</td>
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What is Undergraduate Research?

“Undergraduate Research allows you to passionately explore your curiosity. While getting a degree gives you a foundation of knowledge, research allows you to explore further and ask why and how things work. Research allows you to ask questions that haven’t been answered yet and find answers for yourself. Through research you can apply your education to solve problems and explore your field in the real world.” - Utah State University Office of Research

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Who am I?

My name is Daniel Porter and I am a senior History major with minors in Greek and Latin. I am currently considering what comes next.