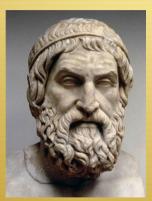
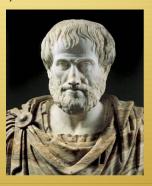


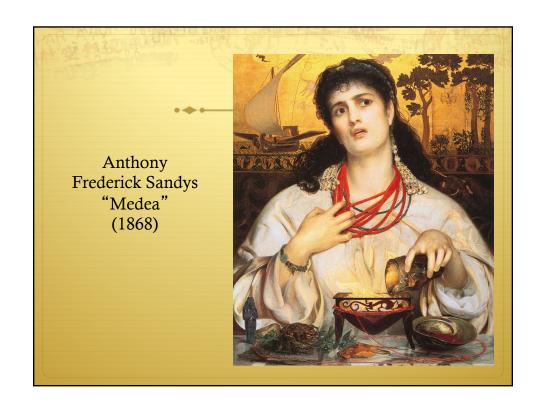
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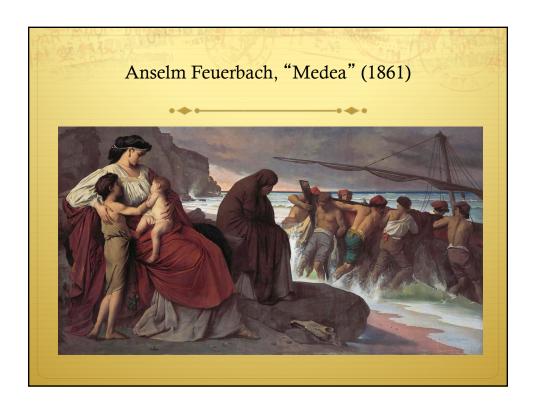
"The historian tells what happened, and the poet tells what might happen."



Aristotle, *The Poetics*







Medea, opening lines of the Nurse:

Εἴθ΄ ὤφελ΄ Ἀργοῦς μὴ διαπτάσθαι σκάφος Κόλχων ἐς αἶαν κυανέας Συμπληγάδας, μηδ΄ ἐν νάπαισι Πηλίου πεσεῖν ποτε τμηθεῖσα πεύκη, μηδ΄ ἐρετμῶσαι χέρας ἀνδρῶν ἀρίστων. οϊ τὸ πάγχρυσον δέρας Πελία μετῆλθον. οὐ γὰρ ἂν δέσποιν΄ ἐμὴ Μήδεια πύργους γῆς ἔπλευσ΄ Ἰωλκίας ἔρωτι θυμὸν ἐκπλαγεῖσ΄ Ἰάσονος·

