Anabasis

Erasmus+
“Anabasis” Fourth Book
• The army reaches Carduchian villages just over the mountain
• Carduchian attack
• They leave animals and prisoners to be quicker during the march
• After a storm, Hellenes afford the enemies: a very violent battle takes place through mountains' cops
• In a halting-place two prisoners are asked to tell the Hellenes another way through the mountains
• Officers organize an expedition: Aristonymus of Methydrium, Agasias of Stymphalus, Callimachus and Aristeia step forward as volunteers

• Enemies roll down boulders
Crossing Centrites River

- The Centrite river is the border between Carduchia and Armenia
- At dawn Carduchians are armed on the just passed mountains; Armenians, Mardians and Chaldaean are on the opposite side of the river
- Xenophon has a dream
- Despite many difficulties, they overcome the crossing
Tiribazus

- Governor of Western Armenia and king's friend.
- He wants to make a treaty with the Hellenes but then he breaks it.
Through Armenia

• Very cold temperatures
• The army gets separated to rest in some villages nearby: a headman propose to be their guide
• After a week they continue the march and passed the river Phasis, Chalybes, Taochians and Phasianians block the road
Taochians

• The army has no provisions anymore
• They escogitate a way to get into a Taochian strong place
• At the beginning Taochians roll down stones, but once they finished them, they throw themselves down
Scythenians

- The Hellenes cross the river Harpasus
- They reach Gymnias and the king offers them a guide to cross the hostile land
- After five days, the army gets to the mount Theches and at the sight of the sea, the soldiers begin shouting with joy “Thalatta, thalatta”
- For the success they erect a cairn of untanned skins, staves and stolen shields
Macrones

- The Macrones fear an attack
- Macrones and Hellenes exchange lances as pledges of peace
- They help the Hellenes crossing their land till Colchis
Colchis

• The Hellenes defeat the Colchians on the mountain chain thanks to a Xenophon's genial strategy

• Xenophon tells to his soldiers refering to the enemy: “We will swallow them up whole, without cooking, if we can.”

• On the march some soldiers eat toxic honey
Final Stage

• Reaching of Trapezus
• The Hellenes receive gifts for hospitality from Sinopeans and Colchians
• Dracontius organizes a gymnastic competition
• The whole army make a sacrifice to their Gods using a big cattle