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2. Herodotus on Cleisthenes (5, 66-71, adapted)

Athens, which had before been great, grew now even greater when rid of her tyrants; and those that were of chief power there were two, Cleisthenes an Alcmaeonid (...), and Isagoras son of Tisandrus, a man of a notable house, but of which family I cannot tell; his relatives sacrifice to Zeus of Caria. These men with their factions struggled for power. In this situation, Cleisthenes predominated and won the crowd's favor. Presently he divided the Athenians into ten tribes, instead of the existing four; he didn't call any more the citizens after the tribes who were named sons of Ion, Geleon, Aegicores, Argades, and Hoples, but invented for them names taken from other heroes, all native to the country, except for Aias; (...)

Now, to my thinking, this Cleisthenes was imitating his own mother's father, Cleisthenes the tyrant of Sicyon. For Cleisthenes, after going to war with the Argives, made an end of poetic contests at Sicyon by reason of the Homeric poems, because everywhere in these it is Argive and Argos that are praised; but as to the tribes of the Dorians, he changed their names, that so these tribes should not be common to Sicyonians and Argives. (...) And the Athenian Cleisthenes, who was the son of that Sicyonian's daughter and bore his name, did to my thinking imitate his namesake because he (...) desired that the tribes should not be common to his own people and the Ionians. For having drawn to his own party the Athenian common people, who were excluded from all rights, he gave the tribes new names and increased their number, making ten tribes in place of four, and assigning ten districts to each tribe; and having won over the common people, he was stronger by far than the rival faction.

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Question 1: What was Cleisthenes' tribe reform?

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Question 2: Which was his purpose for doing so?

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Question 3: Compare to Source 3. Which feature of old Athenian constitution stopped to exist?

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