

AR 480/780: WHO OWNS THE PAST? ARCHAEOLOGY, ETHICS, AND LAW

Sept. 26th: Loot, part 1: colonialism, theft, and the market

READING:

- Neil Brodie, “Smoke and Mirrors,” in *Who Owns Objects?* (pp. 1-14);
- Rebecca Mead, “Den of Antiquity,” *The New Yorker* 4/9/2007 (pp. 52-61);
- Sharon Waxman, “Introduction” and “Part One: Pharaohs and Emperors” and “Part Three: Lord Elgin’s Legacy” in *Loot: The Battle Over the Stolen Treasures of the Ancient World* (pp. 1-131, 209-76).

IN-CLASS DEBATE: Is the backstory relevant?

Fill in the blanks from the vantage point of:

- 1) an archaeologist;
- 2) a representative of the government of Turkey or China;
- 3) a member of a museum board;
- 4) a lawyer;
- 5) you.

THE BATTLE OVER ANTIQUITIES IS REALLY ABOUT

SO WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS
