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THE *PERIPLOI* AND THE ORIGIN OF THEORETICAL GEOGRAPHY IN ANTIQUITY

The article considers the earliest available evidences which show the influence of practical navigation information gathered by ancient travelers and discoverers on emerging theoretical geography. The analyzed sources are dated back mostly to the 6th century B.C. and related to the Peripatetic school in Athens. These include the *Circumnavigation of the Inhabited World* attributed to Pseudo-Skylax and fragments of geographical works of Aristotle's follower Dicaearchus of Messana.

Keywords: the school of Aristotle; geography; distance calculation in antiquity

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