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De Sanctis, who has made the most thorough analysis of the composition of the Helenica ever made, (134/4) says that the middle section of Hellenica was actually the first one written (140/3). Henry refutes De Santis' reasoning for the priority of the middle books of the Hellenica as based on a comparison with the Agesilaus. (147/5) De Santic approaches the matter of stylistic differences between the first two books

. . . by observing that as far as he knows he is the first who has even considered 419 whether Part One of the Hellenica might not have been the first composed. (MacLaren takes the trouble to point out to him that at least five others who have already discussed this possibility) (166/3-4)

419 He compares the critics of X to the critics, "if such they can be called," of T, who considered the opening books of T the first ones written (166/10n)