

### Before Wednesday:

- (1) What role do the 'definitions' play? Contrast successful definitions with those that are not successful, from a modern point of view.
- (2) What is the role of the 'postulates'? What is the parallel postulate? Why is it regarded differently than the others?
- (3) What is the role of the 'common notions'? Do you recognize any of these statements as appearing in your modern mathematics curriculum? Which one is different than the others?