Ph.D. Ancient History Greek minor language Reading List

Prose

Aristotle, Poetics
Demosthenes, Philippic 3
Herodotus, bks 1.1-92, 7
Lysias, On the Murder of Eratosthenes (1)
Pausanias 1.1-24
Plato, Apology and Symposium
Plutarch, Life of Pericles
Polybius 1.1-15
Thucydides bks 1, 3
Xenophon, Hellenica bk. 2

Inscriptions*:
  Meiggs and Lewis nos 23, 52, 94
  Sherk, Roman Documents, nos 23, 33, 35
  Welles, Royal Correspondence, no 15
  Dittenberger, SIG³ 434/5

Verse

Aeschylus, Agamemnon
Aristophanes, Clouds
Euripides, Medea
Hesiod, Works and Days, 1-382
Homer, Iliad bks 1-3, 18, 22, 24
  - Odyssey, bks 1, 2, 4, 9, 19, 20
Homer Hymn to Demeter (no 2)
Lyric poets: selections in Campbell of Alcaeus, Sappho, Solon
Pindar, Ol. 1, 2
Sophocles, Oedipus Rex

* Published translations are very helpful for developing a sense of epigraphic dialects, orthography, and syntax. If you have trouble finding authoritative translations of these documents to work with please do not hesitate to consult the Ancient History Coordinator. Translations of many Attic inscriptions are easily available on Attic Inscriptions Online, https://www.atticinscriptions.com/.