

Ph.D. Ancient History Greek major language Reading List

Prose

Aristotle, *Athenaion Politeia* chaps. 1-41
--, *Poetics*
--, *Politics*, Book 4
Demosthenes, *Philippic* 3
Herodotus, 1.1-92, 2.1-64, 7-8 (all)
Lysias, *On the Murder of Eratosthenes* (1)
Pausanias 1.1-24
Plato, *Apology*
--, *Symposion*
--, *Republic* 2.376e-3.398b, 10.596-608b
Plutarch, *Life of Pericles* and *Life of Alexander*
Polybius 1.1-15
Thucydides, Books 1-3 and 6
Xenophon, *Hellenica* Books 1-2

Inscriptions*:

- Meiggs and Lewis (ML) nos. 1, 12, 15, 23, 26 (with SEG 40.28), 40, 45, 46, 52, 56, 73, 86, 94
- Rhodes and Osborne (RO) nos. 4, 22, 84, 102
- Sherk (*Roman Documents of the Greek East* = RDGE), nos. 2, 23, 33, 35
- Dittenberger, *Sylloge Inscriptionum Graecarum* (SIG³) nos. 434/5 and 543
- Dittenberger, *Orientalis Graecae Inscriptiones Selectae* (OGIS) no. 90 (Greek)
- *Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum* (SEG) 41.1003
- Welles, *Royal Correspondance* (RC) no. 15 (= OGIS 223)

Verse

Aeschylus, *Agamemnon* and *Eumenides*
Aristophanes, *Clouds* and *Knights*
Euripides, *Medea* and *Bacchae*
Hesiod, *Works and Days* 1-382
Homer, *Iliad*, Books 1-3, 6, 9, 16, 18, 22, 24
Homer, *Odyssey*, Books 1, 2, 4, 6, 9-11, 19, 20
Homeric Hymn to Demeter (2)
Lyric poets: all selections of Alcaeus, Archilochus, Semonides, Solon, Stesichorus, Sappho and Bacchylides
Pindar, *Olympian* 1 and 2
Sophocles, *Oedipus Rex* and *Antigone*

* 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/>.