

Department of Classics
Ph.D. Suggested Reading List - Primary Sources
(Updated 9/2011)

The Ph.D. suggested reading list is designed to serve as a model for Ph.D. candidates preparing for the preliminary examination in Greek and Latin literature. Many candidates, however, will wish to emphasize a particular period or author in accordance with their own interest; while preserving the essential range and bulk of the list, they may use it as a guide to compile their own reading list in consultation with the examining instructor.

Primary Sources - Latin

Apuleius “Cupid and Psyche”

Caesar *Bellum Gallicum* I, *Bellum Civile* III

Catullus All

Cicero Orations: *Pro Caelio*, *Cat. I*, *Phil. II.6*

Ennius *Annales*

Horace *Odes: Satires I; Epistles I.1,7,19; Ars Poetica*

Juvenal 1,3,6,10

Livy I, XXI

Lucan II

Lucretius I,III,V

Martial XI

Ovid *Amores* II; *Heroides* XVI-XXI; *Ars Amatoria* I;
Metamorphoses I, VIII

Petronius *Cena Trimalchionis*

Plautus *Pseudolus* and *Rudens*

Pliny Half of Sherwin – White’s selection

Propertius I, IV

Quintilian X

Sallust *Catiline* or *Jugurtha*

Seneca *Thyestes; Medea*; Summers’ selection of *Letters*

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Statius *Silvae* II

Suetonius *Augustus*

Tacitus *Annales* I-VI or XI-XVI; *Agricola*; *Dialogus*

Terence *Adelphoe* and *Eunuchus*

Tibullus I

Vergil All

Primary Sources – Greek

Aeschines *Against Timarchus*

Aeschylus *Oresteia*

Apollonius III

Aristophanes *Clouds*, *Frogs*, *Lysistrata*

Aristotle *Poetics*

Bacchylides 5,17

Callimachus Hopkinson's selection

Demosthenes *Against Meidias* and *Against Conon*

Euripides *Bacchae*, *Hippolytus*, *Medea*

Greek Anthology Hopkinson's selection

Herodotus I, and two other books

Hesiod *Theogony* or *Works and Days*

Homer All

Hom. Hymns One of: *Hermes*, *Aphrodite*, *Demeter*, *Delian Apollo*

Isocrates *Antidosis*

Lucian *Verae Historiae* or *Dialogues of the Courtesans*

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Archaic Lyric Campbell's selection

Lysias *Against Eratosthenes*

Menander *Dyscolus*

Pindar *Olympian* 1,2,10; *Pythian* 1,4; *Nemean* 7,8,10; *Isthmian* 7,8

Plato *Phaedo*, *Symposium*, *Phaedrus*, *Apology*, *Republic* IV, X613-end

Plutarch *Life of Caesar*, *Life of Pericles*

Sophocles *Antigone*, *OT*, *Philoctetes*

Theocritus 1,2,7,11,13

Thucydides I and II

Xenophon *Memorabilia* I, *Anabasis* II-III.9