

**Department of Classics**  
**Suggested Reading List – Ancient History**  
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**Greece**

**General Greek History**

Barry B. Powell and Ian Morris, *The Greeks*. Prentiss Hall 2005

Robin Osborne, *Greece in the Making: 1200-479 BC*, London and New York 1996.

Sarah B. Pomeroy, Stanley M. Burnstein, Walter Donlan, Jennifer Tolbert Roberts, *Ancient Greece: A Political, Social and Cultural History*, New York 1999.

Jack Winkler, Froma Zeitlin and David Halperin (eds.), *Before Sexuality: The Construction of Erotic Experience in the Ancient Greek World*, Princeton 1990.

**Archaic History**

Ian Morris, *Burial and ancient society: the rise of the Greek city-state*, Cambridge 1987.

François de Polignac, *Cults, territory, and the origins of the Greek city-state*, translated by Janet Lloyd with a new foreword by Claude Mosse, Chicago 1995.

N. Fisher and H. van Wees (eds.), *Archaic Greece. New Approaches and New Evidence*, London and Swansea 1998.

**Classical History**

David Cohen, *Law, Violence, and Community in Classical Athens*, Cambridge 1995.

James Davidson, *Courtesans and Fishcakes: the consuming passions in Classical Athens*, New York 1999.

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Victor Davis Hanson, *The Western Way of War: infantry battle in classical Greece*, New York 1989; second edition 2000.

Josiah Ober, *Mass and Elite in Democratic Athens: rhetoric, ideology, and the power of the people*, Princeton 1989.

**Hellenistic History**

F. W. Walbank, *The Hellenistic World*, Cambridge, Mass. 1993.

Daniel Ogden, *Polygamy, Prostitutes and Death: The Hellenistic Dynasties*, London 1999.

Susan E. Alcock, *Graecia capta: The landscapes of Roman Greece*, Cambridge 1993.

**Sources**

Aristophanes, *Lysistrata; Wealth; Peace*.

Aristotle, *Politics*.

Demosthenes, *Against Medias; Against Neaira*.

Herodotus, *Histories*.

Hesiod, *Works and Days*.

Lucian, *On salaried posts in great houses; Alexander the false prophet; The passing of Peregrinus; Navigium (The Ship)*.

Plutarch, *On the education of children; On garrulity; On the glory of Athens; Witticisms of kings and generals; Virtues of women*.

Theocritus, *Idylls*.

Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*.

Tyrtaeus, *Elegies*.

Xenophon, *Cyropaedia*.

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**Rome**

**Textbook**

Cary, M. and Scullard, H.H. 1975. *History of Rome Down to the Reign of Constantine*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. New York.

**Ancient Texts (in Translation)**

Augustus, *Res Gestae*; Ammianus Marcellinus 14-31; Caesar, *Bellum Gallicum*; Catullus; Cicero, *Pro Caelia, In Catilinam, Pro Murena, Philippics*; Dio Cassius 50-55; *Historiae Augustae* (3 biographies); Horace; Juvenal; Livy 1-5, 21-22; Ovid, *Ars Amatoria 1, Tristia*; Petronius, *Satyricon*; Plautus, *Menaechmi*; Pliny the Younger, *Epistles*; Polybius 1-12; Propertius 4; Plutarch, *Cato the Elder, Gaius, Gracchus, Sulla, Pompey, Caesar, Cicero*; Sallust, *Bellum Catilinae*; Suetonius (3 biographies); Tacitus, *Agricola, Annales, Historiae 1*; Terrence, *Adelphoe*; Vergil.

**Scholarly Literature**

Brown, P. 1978. *The Making of Late Antiquity*. Cambridge, MA and London.

Fantham, E., et al., eds. 1994. *Women in the Classical World*. Oxford. Part 2.

Finley, M.I. 1973. *The Ancient Economy*. Berkeley.

Garnsey, P. and Saller, R. 1987. *The Roman Empire: Economy, Society, and Culture*. Berkeley.

Harris, W.V. 1979. *War and Imperialism in Republican Rome: 327-70 B.C.* Oxford.

Hopkins, K. 1978. *Conquerors and Slaves*. Cambridge.

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Luttwak, E.N. 1976. *The Grand Strategy of Roman Empire: From the First Century A.D. to the Third*. Baltimore and London.

Nicolet, C. 1980. *World of the Citizen in Republican Rome*. Berkeley.

Raaflaub, K. and Toher, M. 1991. *Between Republic and Empire: interpretations of Augustus and His Principate*. Berkeley.

Scullard, H.H. 1976. *From the Gracchi to Nero: A History of Rome from 133 B.C. to A.D. 68*. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. London.

Syme, R. 1939. *The Roman Revolution*. Oxford.

Zanker, P. 1988. *Power of Images in the Age of Augustus*. Trans. A. Shapiro. Ann Arbor.