

Resources for Greek 201—Intermediate Greek: Plato's *Apology*
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ENCYCLOPEDIAS

☞ *A well-written encyclopedia article can identify important editions, translations, commentaries, and criticism.*

Brill's New Pauly: Encyclopaedia of the Ancient World: Antiquity. Leiden: Brill, 2002-2010.

Main Reference DE5 .N3513 2002 (16 vols.)

Extensive encyclopedia with comprehensive coverage of people, places, events, and themes on the Greek and Roman worlds from the prehistory of the Aegean (2nd millennium BCE) to late antiquity (600-800 CE).

The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.

ebook, connect via OBIS (7 vols.)

Essays cover history, literature, philosophy, science, daily life, myth, religion, art, and archaeology. Each entry provides relevant primary sources and a bibliography of secondary works.

Oxford Reference. Oxford: Oxford University Press. <http://www.oxfordreference.com/>

Online access to dozens of reference works from OUP. Besides the landmark *Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome* (see above), other classical studies titles include *The Oxford Classical Dictionary*, 2012; *The Grove Encyclopedia of Classical Art and Architecture*, 2007 (2 vols); *The Oxford Dictionary of the Classical World*, 2007; *The Oxford Companion to Classical Civilization*, 2014; *Oxford Companion to Classical Literature*, 2011; *Who's Who in the Classical World*, 2003.

A Companion to Greek Literature. Chichester, West Sussex: John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 2015.

e-book, connect via OBIS.

Essays provide an introduction to the wide range of texts and genres produced in the Greek language from the 6th century BCE up to the early years of the Byzantine Empire.

The Oxford History of Historical Writing. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.

Main Reference D13 .O34 2011, Vol. 1. Beginnings to AD 600

See Ch. 5 "Greek Inscriptions as Historical Writing;" Ch. 6 "Early Greek Poetry as/and History;" and Ch. 7 "The Rise of Greek Historiography and the Invention of Prose."

LITERARY REFERENCE SOURCES

Literature Resource Center (product from Gale Cengage Learning)

Literary Reference Center Plus (product from EBSCO)

These two databases provide biographical, bibliographical, and critical content on literary figures and their works from all time periods and genres. Information comes from reference works, books, and literary journals. Included are biographies, plot summaries, journal articles, reviews, and more. *Connect from Databases tab in the Library home page search box, or use the Quick Links drop-down menu.*

Ancient Writers: Greece and Rome. New York: Scribner, 1982.

e-book, Main Reference PA3002.A5 1982

A collection of informative essays meant to encourage readers to delve further into the lives and works of classical Greek and Roman writers; bibliographies include a list of English translations, editions in the original Greek or Latin, and important modern works. A 24-pp. overview essay on Plato is included.

SELECTED LANGUAGE DICTIONARIES

A Greek-English Lexicon ("Liddell-Scott-Jones"). 9th ed. Oxford: Clarendon Press; New York: Oxford University Press, 1996.

Main Reference PA445.E5 L6 1996

Vox Graeca: A Guide to the Pronunciation of Classical Greek. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1987.

Main Library PA267.A4 1987

FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

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Search for names as both AUTHOR (for writings by people) and SUBJECT (for writings about people and their works).


Plato (author search)

Plato (subject search)

Plato. Apology

Plato -- Criticism and interpretation

Plato -- Dictionaries

 *Alternative tip for finding translations: limit search results by language = English*

To find specific works, commentaries, or works on a theme, also try keyword searches combining the author's name and one or more title or subject words:

plato and apology

plato and commentar*

plato and works

plato and politic*

For dictionaries and grammars, search for "[name of language] language" as a subject, with these sub-headings:

Greek language -- Dictionaries

Greek language -- Dictionaries -- English (bilingual)

Greek language -- Grammar

Which ones are the best?

Besides relying on references included in standard encyclopedias and textbooks, here are some tips to find authoritative, reliable publications:

- look for works published by prominent university presses (Cambridge, Oxford, Harvard, Michigan, Chicago, etc.) or scholarly academic publishers (Brill, de Gruyter, etc.)
- limit by date to filter your search results to more recent publications
- look for works that have come out in multiple editions
- look for works written by prominent scholars

IMPORTANT SERIES

The Loeb Classical Library from Harvard University Press publishes works of Greek and Latin literature with texts and accurate and literate English translation on facing pages. Included are epic and lyric poetry; tragedy and comedy; history, travel, philosophy, and oratory; the great medical writers and mathematicians; the Church fathers. The editors provide substantive introductions as well as essential critical and explanatory notes and selective bibliographies.

The Oxford Classical Texts from Oxford University Press publishes texts without commentary, but with brief critical notes at the foot of each page. There are now over a hundred volumes, representing the greater part of classical Greek and Latin literature. New volumes are still being published to fill the remaining gaps, and to revise old editions in the light of recent research.

Cambridge Greek and Latin Classics from Cambridge University Press publishes texts and commentaries on works of Greek and Latin literature aimed primarily at undergraduate and graduate students. Almost one hundred volumes have been published to date. The commentaries discuss texts as works of literature and provide guidance to students.

Penguin Classics from Penguin Books, a subsidiary of Penguin Random House, publishes English translations of "classics" from all languages, genres, and time periods, including the Classical era. Translations often strive to convey more of a lucid and eloquent English prose translation, rather than providing a literal translation of the original.

BROWSING THE LIBRARY STACKS

Library of Congress Classification System

CLASS P - LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

SUBCLASS PA - Greek language and literature. Latin language and literature

PA1 199	Classical philology	PA3825 3849	Aeschylus
PA201 899	Greek philology and language	PA3851 3858	Aesop
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PA3000 3049	Classical literature	PA3973 3992	Euripedes
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PA3051 3285	Literary history	PA4279 4333	Plato
PA3300 3516	Collections	PA4367 4389	Plutarch
PA3520 3564	Criticism, interpretation, etc.	PA4413 4434	Sophocles
PA3601 3681	Translations	PA4452 4486	Thucydides
PA3818 4505	Individual authors including:	PA4494 4499	Xenophon

Dewey Decimal System

480	Hellenic languages; classical Greek	880	Hellenic literatures; classical Greek
481	Classical Greek writing & phonology	881	Classical Greek poetry
482	Classical Greek etymology	882	Classical Greek dramatic poetry & drama
483	Classical Greek dictionaries	883	Classical Greek epic poetry & fiction
485	Classical Greek grammar	884	Classical Greek lyric poetry
487	Preclassical & postclassical Greek	885	Classical Greek speeches
488	Classical Greek usage	886	Classical Greek letters
		887	Classical Greek humor & satire
		888	Classical Greek miscellaneous writings

WEB SITES

The Perseus Digital Library. Maintained by the Classics Department, Tufts University.
<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/>

An open-source project that covers the history, literature, and culture of the Greco-Roman world; provides a large database of Greek and Latin texts and translations, images (coins, vases, sculpture), resources for textual studies, and English word searches of the texts (don't expect to find modern editions still under copyright).

Thesaurus Linguae Graecae: A Digital Library of Greek Literature. Irvine, CA: University of California, Irvine.
<http://stephanus.tlg.uci.edu>

"...a research program at the University of California, Irvine. Founded in 1972 the TLG has collected and digitized most literary texts written in Greek from Homer to the fall of Byzantium in AD 1453. Its goal is to create a comprehensive digital library of Greek literature from antiquity to the present era." --*TLG website*
Includes *The Online Liddell-Scott-Jones Greek-English Lexicon* and other useful resources.

Electronic Resources for Classicists. Maintained by Maria Pantelia, Professor of Classics, University of California, Irvine.

<http://stephanus.tlg.uci.edu/index/resources.html>

A meta-site of internet resources for classical studies; categories included: gateways, large databases, projects, electronic journals, bibliographical indices and bibliographies, collection of images, course materials, professional organizations, e-text archives, classics departments, publishers, online courses, and K-12 resources.

Internet Sacred Text Archive.

<http://www.sacred-texts.com>

A "freely available archive of electronic texts about religion, mythology, legends and folklore, and occult and esoteric topics." Texts are presented in English translation and, in some cases, the original language. Some Greek texts are included in the Classics section (don't expect to find modern editions still under copyright).

GUIDE TO REFERENCE MATERIALS IN CLASSICAL STUDIES

Classical Studies: A Guide to the Reference Literature. 2nd ed. Westport, Ct: Libraries Unlimited, 2006.

Main Reference Z7016.J4 2006

Focuses on "bibliographical and information resources, not on general scholarship in the field."

HOW TO GET HELP AT THE LIBRARY

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Friday: 10am–noon & 1–5pm

Weekend: Sat.: 2–4 pm, Sunday: 1–5pm & 7 pm–midnight

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Phone. 440-775-5031 – hours same as above

Email. reference@oberlin.edu – any time

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