

Greco-Roman World: Comprehensive Exam List

This list consists of three sections: Primary Sources (all are required); Required Secondary Sources (all are required); Optional Secondary Sources (none are required, but students might find these additional readings helpful for their individual areas of study or for enrichment beyond the comprehensive exam).

Primary Sources (read all):

- Plato, *Timaeus* and *Phaedo*
- Virgil, *Aeneid*, books 1 and 8
- Livy, *History of Rome*, book 1
- Plutarch, *Lives of Romulus and Numa*
- *Res Gestae Divi Augusti*
- Nicolaus of Damascus, *The Life of Augustus*
- Aelius Aristedes, *The Roman Oration* and *Hieroi Logoi*
- Ovid, *Fasti*
- Plutarch, *Moralia*, “On the Education of Children”
- Theon, *Progymnasmata* / Libanius, *Progymnasmata*
- Gaius’s *Institutes*
- Aristotle, *Politics*, book 1
- Petronius, *Satyricon* (*Cena Trimalchionis*, 26-78)
- Plato, *The Symposium*
- Chariton, *Chaereas and Callirhoe*
- Apuleius, *Metamorphosis, or The Golden Ass*
- Horace, *Satires*
- Lucian, *True Story* and *Passing of Peregrinus*
- Seneca, *Epistulae morales ad Lucilium*
- Epictetus, *Discourses*
- Iamblichus, *On the Mysteries*
- A. A. Long and D. N. Sedley, *The Hellenistic Philosophers*, 2 vols. (1987) (selections)
- Cicero, *De Divinatione*
- Mary Beard, John North, and Simon Price, *Religions of Rome, Volume II: A Sourcebook* (1998)
- Soranus, *Gynecology*
- Galen, *The Art of Medicine (selections)*
- Artemidorus, *Oneirocritica: The Interpretation of Dreams*, books 1-2
- *The Greek Magical Papyri in Translation* (ed. H. D. Betz)
- Apuleius, *Metamorphosis, or The Golden Ass*
- Philostratus, *The Life of Apollonius of Tyanna*

Required Secondary Sources (read all):

1. Alain Gowing, *Empire and Memory: The Representation of the Roman Republic in Imperial Culture* (2005)
2. Clifford Ando, *Imperial Ideology and Provincial Loyalty in the Roman Empire* (2000)
3. Denis Feeney, *Caesar's Calendar: Ancient Time and the Beginnings of History* (2007)
4. James Ker, *The Ordered Day: Quotidian Time and Forms of Life in Ancient Rome* (2023)
5. Anna Carlotta Dionisotti, "From Ausonius's Schooldays? A Schoolbook and its Relatives," *Journal of Roman Studies* 72 (1982): 83-125
6. Raffaella Cribiore, *Gymnastics of the Mind: Greek Education in Hellenistic and Roman Egypt* (2005)
7. David Johnston, *Roman Law in Context* (2nd ed.; 1999)
8. Walter Scheidel, Ian Morris, and Richard P. Saller, eds., *The Cambridge Economic History of the Greco-Roman World* (2007), especially first 5 chapters
9. Sandra R. Joshel and Lauren Hackworth Petersen, *The Material Life of Roman Slaves* (2014)
10. Shadi Bartsch, *The Mirror of the Self: Sexuality, Self-Knowledge, and the Gaze in the Early Roman Empire* (2006)
11. Martha C. Nussbaum, *The Therapy of Desire: Theory and Practice in Hellenistic Ethics* (2009)
12. Harriet Flower, *The Dancing Lares and the Serpent in the Garden: Religion at the Roman Street Corner* (2018)
13. Maud Gleason, *Making Men: Sophists and Self-Presentation in Ancient Rome* (2008)
14. Radcliffe G. Edmonds III, *Drawing Down the Moon: Magic in the Greco-Roman World* (2019)
15. Susan P. Mattern, *The Prince of Medicine: Galen in the Roman Empire* (2013)
16. Ittai Gradel, *Emperor Worship and Roman Religion* (2002)

Optional Secondary Sources (for reference, not required):

1. Karl Galinsky, *Augustus: Introduction to the Life of an Emperor* (2012)
2. Paul Zanker, *The Power of Images in the Age of Augustus* (1990)
3. Ronald Syme, *The Roman Revolution* (2002)
4. Jörg Rüpke, *The Roman Calendar from Numa to Constantine: Time, History, and the Fasti* (trans. David M. B. Richardson; 2011)
5. Fritz Graf, *Roman Festivals in the Greek East: From the Early Empire to the Middle Byzantine Era* (2015)
6. Stanley K. Stowers, *Letter-Writing in Greco-Roman Antiquity* (1986)
7. Teresa Morgan, *Literate Education in the Hellenistic and Roman Worlds* (1998)
8. Roger Bagnall, *Everyday Writing in the Greco-Roman East* (2011)
9. J. A. Crook, *Law and Life of Rome* (1967)
10. Paul J. du Plessis, Clifford Ando, and Kaius Tuori, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Roman Law and Society* (2016)
11. Jane F. Gardner, *Women in Roman Law and Society* (1991)
12. Géza Alföldy, *The Social History of Rome* (1989)
13. Andrew Wallace-Hadrill, *Houses and Society in Pompeii and Herculaneum* (1994)
14. Mark Letteney and Matthew Larsen, *Incarceration in Mediterranean Antiquity* (2024)

15. Suzanne Dixon, *The Roman Family* (1992)
16. Amy Richlin, *Arguments with Silence: Writing the History of Roman Women* (2014)
17. David Konstan, *Sexual Symmetry: Love in the Ancient Novel and Related Genres* (1994)
18. J. J. Winkler, *Auctor and Actor: A Narratological Reading of Apuleius' Golden Ass* (1991)
19. Glen Bowersock, *Fiction as History: Nero to Julian* (1997)
20. Sarah Iles Johnston, *Hekate Soteira: A Study of Hekate's Roles in the Chaldean Oracles and Related Literature* (1990)
21. Walter Burkert, *Ancient Mystery Cults* (1987)
22. Judith Perkins, *The Suffering Self: Pain & Narrative Representation in the Early Christian Era* (1995)
23. Steven L. Tuck, *A History of Roman Art* (2015)
24. Ray Laurence, *Roman Pompeii: Space and Society* (1996)