

**DEPARTMENT OF THE CLASSICS**  
**Ph.D. History of Greek Literature Examination**

**ID database**  
**2025**

*On the exam you will be asked to identify 12 of 25 items. A full response will not only provide a description of each item (who, what, when, etc.), but will also discuss it in terms of its importance in the context of understanding Greek literature and history more generally.*

*Please note that the following list of possible IDs is definitive. Exam questions will be limited to this list.*

**Authors**

Achilles Tatius  
Aelius Aristides  
Aesop  
Aeschines  
Agathon  
Alcaeus  
Anacreon  
Andocides  
Antimachus of Colophon  
Antiphon  
Aratus  
Archilochus  
Aristarchus  
Aristophanes  
Arrian  
Athenaeus  
Bacchylides  
Bion  
Callinus  
Chariton  
Corinna  
Cratinus  
Democritus  
Demosthenes  
Dio Cassius  
Dio Chrysostom  
Diodorus Siculus  
Diogenes Laertius  
Diphilus  
Empedocles  
Epicharmus  
Epictetus

Epicurus  
Eratosthenes  
Euhemerus  
Euphorion  
Eupolis  
Euripides  
Favorinus  
Galen  
Hecataeus  
Heliodorus  
Hellanicus  
Hero(n)das  
Hesiod  
Hipponax  
Homer  
Hyperides  
Isaeus  
Isocrates  
Josephus  
Julian  
Libanius  
Longus  
Lucian  
Lysias  
Marcus Aurelius  
Meleager  
Menander  
Mimnermus  
Nonnus  
Parmenides  
Pausanias  
Philemon  
Philodemus  
Philo of Alexandria  
Philostratus  
Pindar  
Plotinus  
Plutarch  
Polybius  
Posidippus  
Sappho  
Semonides  
Simonides  
Solon  
Sophocles  
Sotades  
Stesichorus  
Strabo  
Theocritus

Theognis  
 Theophrastus  
 Tyrtaeus  
 Xenophanes  
 Xenophon  
 Xenophon of Ephesus  
 Zenodotus

## **Texts**

*Airs, Waters, Places*  
 Alexander Romance  
*Athenaion Politeia*  
*Catalogue of Women*  
*Die Fragmente der griechischen Historiker (FGrH)*  
 Hippocratic Corpus  
 Homeric Hymns  
*Inscriptiones Graecae (IG)*  
 “Old Oligarch”  
*Margites*  
*Palatine Anthology*  
*Rhetorica ad Alexandrum*  
 Septuagint  
*Shield of Heracles*  
*Supplémentum epigraphicum Graecum (SEG)*  
 The Suda

## **Literary History**

*agon* scene  
 chronography  
 didactic poetry  
*didaskalia*  
 dithyramb  
 epithets  
*ekkyklema*  
*ekphrasis*  
 epic cycle  
 epideictic oratory  
 epinician  
*epitaphios logos*  
 epode  
 ethnography  
 geography  
*hyporchema*  
 iambographers  
*kommos*  
 Library of Alexandria  
 Middle Comedy  
 Neoplatonism  
 New Comedy

Old Comedy  
 Oxyrhynchus  
 paeon  
 parabasis  
 paratragedy  
 parodos  
*partheneia*  
 Pergamene criticism  
 periegetic tradition  
 Peripatetic school  
 priamel  
 satyr play  
 stasimon  
*stichomythia*  
 strophe/antistrophe  
 XOPOY

### **Meter and Prosody**

alcaic stanza  
 anapaests  
 correption  
 dactylo-epitrite  
 dochmiacs  
 elegiac couplet  
 glyconics  
 ionic meters  
 lyric dactyls  
 sapphic stanza

### **History**

Achaemenid  
 Aetolian League  
 Argead  
 Cleisthenes  
 Draco  
 Ephialtes of Athens  
 Isthmian Games  
 Jewish War  
 King's Peace  
 Lamian War  
 Maccabean Revolt  
 Nemean Games  
 Olympic Games  
 Panhellenion  
 Parthian

Peace of Callias  
Pythian Games  
Sasanian  
Seleucid  
Solon  
Spartan Constitution  
Third Sacred War

