

READING LISTS: SUMMARY

List of most read and studied texts in Ancient Greek and Latin in the USA, UK, Germany, Croatia, Italy and Austria (years 2011 to 2014).

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Some things to take into consideration:

1. The list of texts is narrowed down by this criterion: at least two sources must mention a text for it to be listed.
2. The texts considered are only those that are read and studied in their original language.
3. There is no separation between secondary education texts and university level texts. We assume that the difficulty of the texts chosen for study does not increase from one level to the next.
4. Reading lists are not always displayed on institution or ministry websites.
5. This research only includes a limited number of sources. It may function as a template for others.

SUMMARY: ALL COUNTRIES CONSIDERED

According to this research, the top 3 most most read **Ancient Greek** texts are (in order of popularity):

1. Homer, *Odyssey* in particular: VIII-XII, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXIII-XXIV
2. Homer, *Iliad* in particular: I, III, IV, VI, IX, XXIV
3. Herodotus, *Histories* in particular: I. 1-94, III. 27-117, V, IX

According to this research, the top 3 most read **Latin** texts are:

1. Vergil, *Aeneid* in particular: I, IV, V, VI, VIII, XII
2. Catullus, *Poems* (on par with 1.) in particular: 1-16, 22, 28, 30-36, 44-46, 49-51, 58, 61-68, 70, 72, 73, 75, 76, 82-87, 92, 93, 95, 96, 99, 101, 109
3. Ovid, *Metamorphoses* in particular: IV, XIII

SUMMARY: PER COUNTRY CONSIDERED

USA

According to this research, the most read **Ancient Greek** texts are:

- Aristophanes, *Frogs & Clouds*
- Aristotle, *Poetics*
- Callimachus, *Baths of Pallas*
- Euripides, *Medea*
- Herodotus, *Histories*
- Homer, *Iliad & Odyssey & Homeric Hymns*
- Lysias, *Death of Erasthostenes*
- Sophocles, *Antigone & Oedipus*
- Theocritus, *Idyllia*
- Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War*

According to this research, the most read **Latin** texts are:

- Augustine, *Confessions*
- Catullus, *Poems*
- Cicero, *Somnium Scipionis*
- Horace, *Odes & Epodes & Satires, Ars Poetica*
- Lucretius, *De Rerum Natura*
- Ovid, *Metamorphoses & Amores*
- Petronius, *Cena Trimalchionis*
- Propertius, *Elegies*
- Tacitus, *Annales*
- Vergil, *Aeneid & Georgics*

UK

According to this research, the most read **Ancient Greek** texts are:

- Homer, *Iliad*
- Homer, *Odyssey*

According to this research, the most read **Latin** texts are:

- Ovid, *Metamorphoses*
- Vergil, *Aeneid*

GERMANY

According to this research, the most read **Ancient Greek** texts are:

- Homer, *Iliad*
- Homer, *Odyssey*

According to this research, the most read **Latin** texts are:

- Vergil, *Aeneid*
- Catullus, *Poems*

CROATIA

According to this research, the most read **Ancient Greek** texts are:

- Aeschylus, *Agamemnon*
- Apollonius, *Argonautica*
- Aristophanes, *Frogs*
- Euripides, *Medea*
- Herodotus, *Histories*
- Hesiod, *Works and Days*
- Homer, *Odyssey & Homeric Hymns*
- Menander, *Epitrepontes*
- Sophocles, *Oedipus*
- Xenophon, *Anabasis*

ITALY

According to this research, the most read **Ancient Greek** texts are:

- Demosthenes, *On the Crown & First Philippic*
- Homer, *Iliad & Odyssey*
- Plato, *Crito & Apology of Socrates*
- Theocritus, *Idyllia*
- Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War*

According to this research, the most read **Latin** texts are:

- Livy, *Ab Urbe Condita*
- Catullus, *Poems*

AUSTRIA

According to this research, the most read **Ancient Greek** texts are:

- Apollonius, *Argonautica*
- Aristophanes, *Clouds*
- Aristotle, *Poetics*
- Euripides, *Medea*

According to this research, the most read **Latin** texts are:

- Catullus, *Poems*
- Livy, *Ab Urbe Condita*
- Ovid, *Metamorphoses*
- Pliny, *Letters*
- Propertius, *Elegies*
- Seneca, *Ad Lucilium*
- Tacitus, *Annales*
- Vergil, *Eclogues & Aeneid*

