

Ancient Philosophy Reading List

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Selections of Primary Texts (in Translation)

General:

1. Annas, J., 2000. Voices of Ancient Philosophy: An Introductory Reader. Oxford University Press. [thematically ordered] **Not yet available at UTSC**
2. Cohen, S.M., Curd, P., Reeve, C.D.C., 2016. Readings in Ancient Greek Philosophy: From Thales to Aristotle. Hackett Publishing. [chronologically ordered] 5th edition, [eBook](#)
3. Irwin, T., 2000. Classical Philosophy, Oxford Readers. Oxford University Press, Oxford. [thematically ordered; with an useful and concise commentary] **Not yet available at UTSC**

Presocratics

1. Kirk, G.S., Raven, J.E., Schofield, M., 1983. The Presocratic Philosophers: A Critical History with a Selection of Texts. Cambridge University Press. [Texts are accompanied by a very useful commentary] [UTSC](#)
2. Barnes, J., 2001. Early Greek Philosophy. Penguin. **Not yet available at UTSC**

Plato

1. Reeve, C.D.C., 2005. Plato: Republic. Hackett, Indianapolis. [eBook](#)
2. Reeve, C.D.C., 2012. A Plato Reader: Eight Essential Dialogues. Hackett Publishing, Indianapolis. [eBook](#)

Aristotle

1. Irwin, T., 1999. Aristotle: Nicomachean Ethics, 2nd ed. Hackett, Indianapolis. [UTSC](#)
2. Irwin, T., Fine, G., 1996. Aristotle: Introductory Readings. Hackett Publishing. [UTSC](#)
3. Ackrill, J.L., 1987. A New Aristotle Reader. Princeton University Press. [eBook](#)

Hellenistic Philosophy

1. Inwood, B., Gerson, L., 1997. Hellenistic Philosophy: Introductory Readings. Hackett Publishing Company. [UTSC](#)
2. Inwood, B., Gerson, L., 2008. The Stoics Reader: Selected Writings and Testimonia. Hackett Publishing, Indianapolis. [UTSC](#)
3. Gerson, L.P., 1994. The Epicurus Reader: Selected Writings and Testimonia. Hackett Publishing. [eBook](#)
4. Long, A.A., Sedley, D.N., 1987. The Hellenistic Philosophers: Volume 2, Greek and Latin Texts with Notes and Bibliography. Cambridge University Press. [eBook](#)
Long, A.A., Sedley, D.N., Sedley, D.M., 1987. The Hellenistic Philosophers: Volume 1, Translations of the Principal Sources with Philosophical Commentary. Cambridge University Press. [excellent commentary] [UTSC](#)

Neoplatonism

1. Dillon, J.M., Gerson, L.P., 2004. Neoplatonic Philosophy: Introductory Readings. Hackett Publishing. [UTSC](#)

Introductions

General

1. The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (<https://plato.stanford.edu/>) [contains entries on all major philosophical topics; written by leading scholars; extensive bibliographies]
2. Annas, J., 2001. *Ancient Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press, Oxford, New York. [eBook](#)
3. Adamson, A., *History of Philosophy Without Any Gaps* (<https://historyofphilosophy.net/>) [very readable; also available as a podcast]
 - a. Adamson, P., 2015. *Philosophy in the Hellenistic and Roman Worlds*. Oxford University Press. [eBook](#)
 - b. Adamson, P., 2014. *Classical Philosophy: A History of Philosophy Without Any Gaps, Volume 1*. Oxford University Press, Oxford. [eBook](#)
4. Kenny, A., 2006. *Ancient Philosophy: A New History of Western Philosophy, Volume 1*. OUP Oxford. [UTSC](#)
5. Shields, C., 2011. *Ancient Philosophy: A Contemporary Introduction*. Routledge. [eBook](#)
6. Meyer, S., 2007. *Ancient Ethics*. Routledge. [eBook](#)

Presocratics

1. Barnes, J., 2002. *The Presocratic Philosophers*. Routledge. [eBook](#)
2. Osborne, C., 2004. *Presocratic Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction*. OUP Oxford. [eBook](#)

Plato

1. Annas, J., 2003. *Plato: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press, Oxford. [eBook](#)
2. Annas, J., 1981. *An Introduction to Plato's Republic*. Oxford University Press. [UTSC](#)
3. Meinwald, C., 2016. *Plato*. Routledge. [eBook](#)
4. Irwin, T., 1995. *Plato's Ethics*. Oxford University Press. [eBook](#)
5. Ross, W.D., 1966. *Plato's Theory of Ideas*. Clarendon Press. [UTSC](#)

Aristotle

1. Ackrill, J.L., 1983. *Aristotle the Philosopher*. Oxford University Press, Oxford. [UTSC](#)
2. Barnes, J., 2000. *Aristotle: A Very Short Introduction*. OUP Oxford. [eBook](#)
3. Urmson, J.O., 1988. *Aristotle's Ethics*. Blackwell. [UTSC](#)
4. Shields, C., 2007. *Aristotle*. Routledge, London/New York. [eBook](#)
5. Lear, J., 1988. *Aristotle: The Desire to Understand*. Cambridge University Press. [eBook](#)

Hellenistic Philosophy

1. Sharples, R.W., 2002. *Stoics, Epicureans and Sceptics: An Introduction to Hellenistic Philosophy*. Routledge, London. [eBook](#)
2. Inwood, B., 2018. *Stoicism: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press. [eBook](#)
3. Sellars, J., 2014. *Stoicism*. Routledge. [eBook](#)
4. Rist, J.M., 1972. *Epicurus: An Introduction*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. [UTSC](#)
5. Wilson, C., 2015. *Epicureanism: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press. [eBook](#)

Neoplatonism

1. O'Meara, D.J., 1993. *Plotinus: An Introduction to the Enneads*. Clarendon Press. [eBook](#)