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**READING LIST**

Many ancient texts are available online from the Perseus Digital Library at: www.perseus.tufts.edu.

The set text is required reading. Material marked with an asterisk* is a good place to start.

**SECTION A**

**SET TEXT: PLATO, REPUBLIC 475C-535A**

**Translations**


**Handbooks**


**TOPICS**

Knowledge and Belief


PALMER, John A., Plato's Reception of Parmenides (Oxford: Clarendon,1999),chs. 3-4


The Sun, the Line and the Cave


Philosophers’ Return to the Cave


PRICE, A.W., Mental Conflict (London: Routledge, 1995), ch. 2 ‘Plato’.


PRESOCRATIC PHILOSOPHERS: PARMENIDES TO DEMOCRITUS

Basic Works, General Works, and Collections Covering More Than One Philosopher


CHERNISS, Harold, Aristotle’s Criticism of Presocratic Philosophy (Baltimore, MD: John’s Hopkins, 1935).


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JOHANSEN, Thomas K., Plato's Natural Philosophy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004). Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511518478.


MCKIRAHAN, Richard D., Philosophy before Socrates. 2nd ed. (Indianapolis, IN: Hackett, 2001).


PARABOLIC, John, Time, Creation and the Continuum. 2nd ed. (London: Duckworth, 1983).

Individual Bibliographies

Parmenides


KINGSLEY, Peter, Reality (Inverness, CA: Golden Sufi Center, 2003). [Speculative, but intriguing]


Zeno


*PALMER, John, 'Zeno', in A.A. Long, ed. The Cambridge Companion to Early Greek Philosophy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999). Also available online at: https://doi.org/10.1017/COL0521441226.007.


SORABJI, Richard, Time, Creation and the Continuum (London: Duckworth, 1983), ch. 21 'Zeno's paradoxes of motion'.

Anaxagoras


**Empedocles**


MARTIN, Alain, and Oliver PRIMAVESI, *L’empédocle de Strasbourg* (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 1999). [Important new papyrus fragments of Empedocles, supplementary to the above]


**The Atomists**


**Pythagoreans, Hippocrates and Early Greek Science**


[Classics Library]


Happiness


*BROADIE, Sarah, Ethics with Aristotle (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1991), ch. 1 ‘Happiness, the supreme end’. Also available online at: http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0031819100004788


Hellenistic Philosophers on the Good Life, Knowledge and Fate

Very reliable English translations of the relevant texts can be found in:


The best introductions to Hellenistic philosophy are:


ALGRA, Keimpe. et al., eds., The Cambridge History of Hellenistic Philosophy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999). Also available online at: http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/CHOL9780521250283. [Monumental state of the art account of Hellenistic Philosophy by the major specialists. It does not deal with Neopyrrhonism, though, on which you can see Hankinson., R.J., The Sceptics (London: Routledge, 1995)]

INWOOD, Brad, ed., The Cambridge Companion to Stoics (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003). Also available online at: http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/COL052177005X.

WARREN, James, ed., The Cambridge Companion to Epicureanism (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009). Also available online at: http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/COL9780521873475.

Hellenistic Epistemology


BURNYEAT, Myles, and Michael FREDE, eds., The Original Sceptics (Indianapolis, IN: Hackett, 1997).


O’KEEFE, Tim, Epicureanism (Durham: Acumen, 2009), chs. 9 & 10.


Stoic Determinism


Epicureans on Free Will


