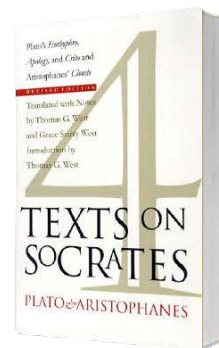
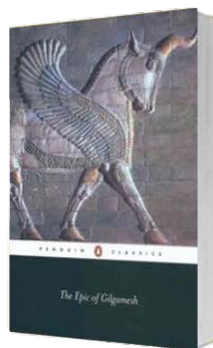
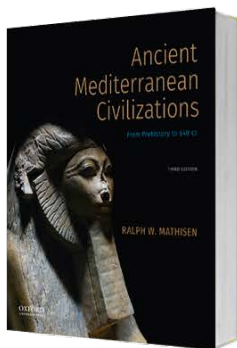


# BOOKS

The following three books are required:



## 1. *Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations*, 3d Edition

by Ralph W. Mathisen. Oxford U. Press, 2020. 978-0-190-08094-5. \$74.99 List.

- Getting this book:
  - A physical copy of the second edition is [on reserve at Lief Library](#).
  - Rent (new, used, or digital) or buy (new or used) via [the Lehman Bookstore](#).
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- Try to get the right edition, especially if you're buying a used copy. The first edition is significantly different, and page numbers will not match up with later editions.

## 2. *The Epic of Gilgamesh*

trans. by Andrew R. George. London: Penguin, 2003. 978-0-140-44919-8. \$13.00.

- Getting this book:
  - A full online copy can be found at [the Internet Archive](#).
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  - Buy (new or used) via [Abe Books](#), [Alibris](#), [Better World Books](#), or [Powell's](#).
- I strongly recommend the Andrew George edition because he translated directly from the source. It also has a very useful introduction. If you get another edition, make sure it is based on the Standard Version of the epic.
- I recommend against a random online transcription of the text, as for this 4,500-year old text you want an expert translation with good commentary and extrapolation such as the George.

### 3. *Four Texts on Socrates*

ed. by Thomas G. West and Grace Starry West. Ithaca: Cornell Press, 1998. 978-0-801-48574-9. \$12.30.

- Getting this book:
  - A physical copy is available in the stacks at Lief Library.
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- There are basic transcriptions of *Clouds* online, but again the intro and notes will be vital to your appreciation of the play, so you should use this book or another full-text book edition.

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