

Loeb Classical Library Online

The Loeb Classical Library (LCL) covers the main authors in classical literature in both Greek and Latin, including a few Church fathers. It is helpful to compare the print and online editions of this well-known resource.

- **Print edition.** In each volume the original language and the English translation are on facing pages. Some English translations are fairly literal; most are not. As of 2016, LCL includes 338 Greek and 186 Latin volumes. Harvard is in the process of replacing some older translations with new works. So you will sometimes find both and old and a new text available.
- **Online edition.** Content and pagination for Loeb online is identical to the print, but the length and number of lines is not. The title page is changed and the table of contents simplified. Some formatting, such as that for footnotes, is changed.

Browsing

On the Loeb home page, cursor over Browse. Choose Authors, Greek Works, Latin Works, or Loeb Volumes (Fig. 1). Browse in order to read a particular author or work. Browse to search an author or to search all Greek or Latin works. To search a single volume, choose it from a browse of the Loeb Volumes.

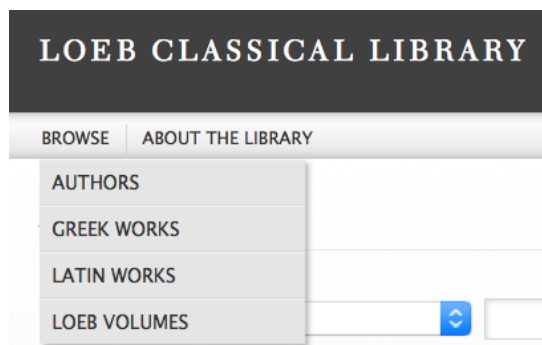


Fig. 1

Browse Greek Works or Latin Works to restrict your browsing by language, author, form (poetry or prose), period (century) and/or genre/subject by making selections in the left-hand column. To undo a selection, find it above the browse list and click the "x" beside it.

Browse a Loeb Volume to go to a page that lists the table of contents. Click on a section to go to it in the volume. If you select a work within a Loeb volume, you go to the beginning of that work in the volume.

Browse an Author to bring up the author with the works of that author. Click the first letter of the author's name (Fig. 2) and choose the author from a list. Choosing a work takes you to the text of the work. Click the LCL number to go to the table of contents. If the work has multiple volumes, they will be listed at the end of the table of contents for the first volume.

Browse Authors



Fig. 2

Clicking a title in a browse list takes you directly to the text (Fig. 3).

PLATO, *Republic*

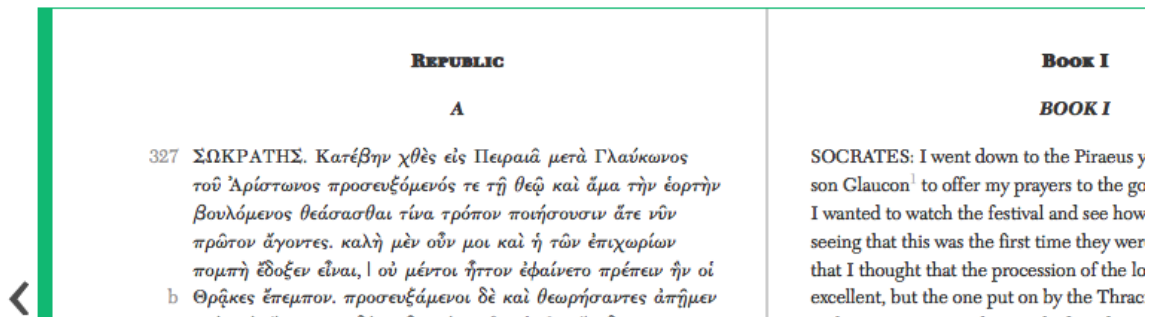


Fig. 3

Searching

Overview: Search for a Greek, Latin, or English word or phrase to retrieve a list of works. Narrow your choices and sort the results if desired. In the results list click "Show results within" under a work to see which pages contain a match. Click on one of these citations to go to a page containing the search term(s). Details follow.

Searching for a word or phrase

To type in Greek, use the Greek keyboard on the right of the search box (Fig. 4). Enter iota subscripts as iota adscripts, but diacritics are not required. Click the magnifying glass to perform the search.



Fig. 4

Search for **multiple words** using Boolean AND, OR, and NOT. If you search for X NOT Y, items in the result list include X, but Y is nowhere in the work. If you search for X AND Y and receive the message, “does not appear on any facing pages,” then each term is in the work, but not on the same page. In that case, search for terms individually to find them in that work. Use quotation marks for phrases or hyphenated words.

Type **wildcards** using your own keyboard. Use an asterisk within a word to represent zero or more characters and a question mark to replace a single character. Problem: When I searched for Greek words with asterisks and used Boolean OR, the search did not work properly. The only results that came up were search terms on pages that had “or” on the English facing page (7/2016). However, searching for whole words with Boolean OR worked.

You cannot search for words in brackets and other **editorial sigla**. (Go to Common Abbreviations under Using the Library to see editorial sigla.)

When you perform a search, the search terms will disappear from the search box but appear above the search results.

These techniques and principles hold for both simple and advanced searches.

Simple Search

The Search box in the top right corner of any page (except the Advanced Search screen) will search the entire Loeb library (Fig. 4).

Advanced search

To go to the Advanced Search (Fig. 5), click Advanced Search under the simple Search box (Fig. 4). Search for an **author, editor, translator, or title**; or search in the **main text, notes, recto** (right-hand, English), **verso** (left-hand, Greek/Latin), or **front and back matter** (introduction, bibliography, index, etc.). Results are generally good in an Advanced Search, but they may contain some citations twice and other citations that do not have the search term (6/2016).

Advanced search

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced search' interface. It features a search bar with 'Author' selected in a dropdown menu. Below the search bar, there is a section for 'And' with a dropdown menu also set to 'Author'. A list of search criteria is displayed, including 'Author', 'Editor/translator', 'Front and back matter', 'Main text', 'Notes', 'Recto', 'Verso', 'Work title', and 'DOI (Digital Object Identifier)'. The 'Add row' button is visible on the left, and the 'Select period' option is also present.

Fig. 5

An **Editor/translator** search brings up the message, “Sorry, results for your search do not appear on any facing pages. See Searching the Library for more options” with each item (6/2016). But the volumes have the translator. The message comes up because the translator’s name rarely appears in the text proper of the work. Click the title of the work in the list and then click the LCL number to go to the title page. You may have to turn a page to see the editor’s name.

Search the **Notes**, i.e., footnotes, to see what footnote contains the search terms. The fastest way to find the correct note(s) is to click any footnote on the page and choose “View all footnotes.”

The **Main text** consists of the recto and verso pages, including the notes and front and back matter, parts omitted in the simple search.

If an author’s name is in brackets, the authorship of the work is questionable. An advanced search or a browse for an **Author** will also bring up these works.

Searching within a single author

There are three ways to search within a single author: (1) use the author browse before you search, (2) use the Greek Works browse and Narrow Your Choices by author before you search, or (3) search the entire corpus and narrow your choice by author afterward. If you browse for an author and choose a particular work, you may read the work, but the option to search within it does not appear.

Searching within a particular work

Browse Loeb Volumes (Fig. 1) and use <command> <f> to find the particular work. Click the title. Use the “Search within volume” option. LCL Online does not support searching by line, chapter, or volume number.

Examining Search Results

Search results are listed by number of works rather than number of hit words. “X items for” means that X works use the search terms (Fig. 6). The number of hits is unavailable. The only way to count total occurrences of a word or phrase is to look at each page that contains the word(s) and count them.

Search Results

You are looking at 1–10 of 1,052 items for : *πιστ* ☒ Clear All



The image shows a search results interface. On the left, there is a button labeled "Search within results" with a keyboard icon and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of this button, there is a section for "Items per page:" with a dropdown menu set to "10" and a "Sort by:" dropdown menu.

Fig. 6

Viewing results

To see the citations, click “Show results within” under the title in a results list (Fig. 7). This will show the translator, LCL number, page numbers, and a line of text containing the search terms unless you used a wildcard (Fig. 8).



Fig. 7

DIO CHRYSOSTOM *Discourses 74. On Distrust*

▼ Hide results within

Results for ***πισ*** appear on the following facing pages. Cannot find what you are looking for? See Searching the Library or Advanced Search for more options.

DIO CHRYSOSTOM *Discourses 74. On Distrust*

Translated by H. Lamar Crosby.
LCL 385, Pages 208-209

DIO CHRYSOSTOM *Discourses 74. On Distrust*

Translated by H. Lamar Crosby.
LCL 385, Pages 210-211

Fig. 8

Click a citation to go directly to the page of the text containing the search terms. Search terms are highlighted unless you used a wildcard. A citation for an index may not be clickable. In that case, click on the title to bring up the correct page of the index.

Refining results

Refine the results by author, form, period (century), and genre/subject using the menu in the left-hand column (Fig. 9). To narrow your results list by author, click the first letter of the author's name and choose the particular author you want from the list of authors that comes up. Refine the results further using the "Search within results" search box on the left (Fig. 9).

These options do not always work if you search for a word with a wildcard. In that case all authors, time periods, etc., may be available as Narrow Your Choices options whether or not the word appears in them (6/2016). If you choose an author under Narrow Your Choices that does not appear among the authors in the results list, the error message, "Sorry, results for your search do not appear on any facing pages. See Searching the Library for more options," comes up.

Search Results

You are looking at 1-10 of 1,052 items for : *πιστ* Clear All

Search within results

Items per page: 10
 Sort by: Relevance

Narrow Your Choices

Language

- Greek Library
- Latin Library

Author

A B C D E F G H I J K
L M N O P Q R S T U V
W X Y Z

- Ablabius Illustrius
- Aceratus Grammaticus
- Achilles Tattius
- Addaeus of Macedonia
- Addaeus of Mytilene
- Aelian
- Aemilianus

Form

Period

Genre / Subject

ALCIPHON *Letters 3. Letters of Parasites*

▸ Show results within

APOLLONIUS OF TYANA *Letters*

▸ Show results within

DEMOSTHENES *Letters*

▸ Show results within

LUCIAN *Letter to Nigrinus*

▸ Show results within

LUCIAN *The Lover of Lies, or the Doubter*

Fig. 9

Sorting results

Sort results by relevance, author, title, or Loeb edition date (Fig. 10). The default option is to list 10 items sorted by relevance. You can change this, but each new search will revert back to the default settings. Sorting does not work for every search. For example, trying to sort by title or author after a search in Front and back matter may sort by LCL volume number (6/2016).

Items per page: 10

Sort by: Relevance

ALCIPHON *Letters 3. Letters of Parasites*

▸ Show results within

Relevance

Title – A to Z

Title – Z to A

Author – A to Z

Author – Z to A

Loeb Edition Date – Recent to Old

Loeb Edition Date – Old to Recent

Fig. 10

Navigating within a work

Click the title of a work to go to the beginning of the work or beginning of the first book in a series. Click on the LCL number to go to the table of contents of the Loeb volume or to other books in a series (Fig. 11). The table of contents has links to the introduction, bibliography, index, and chapters within a single book. If you were viewing a list of results when you went to a particular Loeb volume, click the “Back to Results” link or the browser go back button to return to the list of items.

Turn pages by means of arrows to the right or left of a page, and go to a particular page by typing the number in the “Go to page” box above the text (Fig. 11).

Footnote numbers are very light. To view a footnote, click the footnote number in the text.

LCL 237: 2-3

Go to page: GO

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<p><i>τὰ Γλαύκωνος αἰ ἄμα τὴν ἑορτὴν νῆσιν ἄτε νῦν ἰν ἐπιχωρίων ετο πρόπειν ἦν οἱ ιρήσαντες ἀπήμην οἴκαδε ισε δραμόντα τὸν λεν ὁ παῖς</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Book I</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>BOOK I</i></p> <p>SOCRATES: I went down to the Piraeus yesterday with Ariston's son Glaucon¹ to offer my prayers to the goddess and also because I wanted to watch the festival and see how they would perform it, seeing that this was the first time they were holding it.² I must say that I thought that the procession of the local people was quite excellent, but the one put on by the Thracian contingent seemed no less impressive. When we had made our prayers³ and seen the spectacle, we started back toward town.⁴ Now, as we were heading homeward, Polemarchus the son of Cephalus caught sight of us</p>
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Fig. 11

Reading and printing

Loeb volumes can only be read online. Downloading is not available.

To highlight, annotate, bookmark pages, and save these changes, click Using the Library and see My Loeb's under Frequently Asked Questions.

Use the printer icon on the toolbar to print pages from the books.