

LAMDA Examinations Support Material – PCertLAM Unit 3

In the LAMDA Certificate in Speech and Drama: Performance Studies (PCertLAM) Unit 3 (Knowledge of Performance Repertoire) learners are required to select a variety of literary figures covering the disciplines of poetry, prose and drama from a given range of historical periods and geographical areas.

The following list has been provided to aid learners in their research. It is by no means proscriptive and purely serves as a starting point to enable learners to develop their individual research.

Once learners have selected a historical period they may then refer to the list to find key writers from within it. Learners will need to search for details about the writers' works, influences and impact as well as biographical details. They also need to draw a time line for the period concerned marking any important social and historical events as well as the development of any major literary movements.

Greek and Roman Writers

Poets

Identifying important poets within the given period such as:
Homer, Hesiod, Apollonius of Rhodes, Archilochus of Paros, Sappho, Alcaeus, Ibycus, Anacreon, Stesichorus, Solon, Pindar, Bacchylides, Callimachus (Greek);
Horace, Ovid, Catullus, Propertius, Petronius, Ennius, Statius, Juvenal, Silius Italicus (Roman)

Prose Writers

Identifying important prose writers within the given period such as:
Plato, Aristotle, Herodotus, Thucydides, Xenophon, Polybius (Greek); Virgil, Cicero, Livy, Apuleius, Boethius, Plotinus, Pliny the Elder and Younger, Perpetua, Marcus Aurelius, Plutarch, Tacitus, Suetonius, Cassius Dio, Caesar (Roman)

Playwrights

Identifying important playwrights within the given period such as:
Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, Aristophanes, Menander (Greek); Plautus, Terence, Seneca (Roman)

These lists are not exclusive or compulsory and only serve as exemplars for the learner

Suggested Resources

Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN
<i>The Cambridge History of Classical Literature, Vols 1 and 2</i>	P E Easterling and Bernard M W Knox	Cambridge University Press	Various
<i>The Oxford History of Greece and the Hellenistic World</i>	John Boardman, Jasper Griffin and Oswyn Murray	Oxford Paperbacks	9780192801371
<i>Greek Lyric Poetry</i>	M L West (trans.)	Oxford Paperbacks	9780199540396
<i>The Greek and Roman Stage</i>	David Taylor	Bristol Classical Press	9781853995910