The TLG Canon of Authors and Works

The Canon of Greek authors and works is a searchable database containing information about the authors and works included in the TLG® corpus. The Canon can be searched by entering a term in the search box.

Search Options:
The default search setting is: “All fields.” The drop down menu allows you to search in All Fields” or narrow your search by:
- Author (e.g. Homerus)
- Editor (e.g. J.-P. Migne)
- Work Title (e.g. Electra)
- Publication Title (e.g. Patrologiae cursus completus)
- Series (e.g. Corpus Medicorum Graecorum)
- Publication Date (e.g. 1987)

A minimum of three characters must be entered in the search box.

Diplomatic and Vernacular editions may be excluded or searched separately.

The Search box offers optional autocomplete. If you search in “All fields” the autocomplete will bring up only names of authors and editors. If you search under “Work” work titles will appear in autocomplete. If you ignore the autocomplete, the system will search for the string you entered.
Canon Searches can be limited by the following fields:

- Date (century of an author’s life or floruit)
- Generic Epithet (kind of literary activity the author engaged in)
- Geographic Epithet (place of birth or literary activity)
- Non-Standard Gen. Epithet (usually indicates author’s professional occupation or other identification)
- Work Classification (genre) used for work collections
- Transmission Medium (codex, papyrus or inscription)

Up to five items may be selected per category.

**Tip:** Epithets are assigned to authors. Classification applies to works. Thus, a search for Rhet. under Generic Epithet will search for authors marked as rhetoricians, a search for Rhet. under Work Classification will return rhetorical works. For more information about the TLG Canon definitions and work classifications, see the [TLG Canon Tags and Categories](#) document.
Whether you enter your search selection or choose from search options your results will appear in the center of the page. You can view your results as a list of bibliographical entries, on a map or as a timeline.

Cross-references and links to web resources (Quick Links) are listed in the right hand sidebar. Note that some of the links (marked with **) may require a separate subscription.

The left hand sidebar is reserved for faceted searches.
Facets or faceted search is a technique that allows users to explore a collection of information by applying multiple filters. When you click a category, i.e., “Author” all Authors present in your search will appear. You can click on any author to view the relevant information.

When your Canon results include cross-references to other authors/works, these will appear in the right hand sidebar. Cross-references will also appear at the end of the relevant bibliographical entry. When you click on the link, the bibliographical information for the cross-reference will be shown.
The book icon provides a list of the author's works.

The breakdown link provides information about the structure of the printed edition.

The browser icon will take you to Browser

When the TLG® corpus contains more than one edition, a link to Other Edition will appear in the Canon entry. Other editions can be browsed in the full corpus but can only be searched in the Abridged corpus.

Cross-references provide links to related works. You can click on cross-reference to view the full bibliography, select it for searching. Cross-references also appear in the right hand sidebar.
Tip: Work Collections do not have geographical information attached to them and will not appear on the Map View. This means that in Map View fewer authors may be listed.

Each entry in the right-hand list is a link to the Canon entry of the author.
View results as a timeline

Click to obtain a list of all authors

Tip: Work collections with dates entered as Varia and Incerta will not appear in the timeline.
Search the Canon or Save a Canon search

Click ‘Select all’ to select all listed entries. Please note that you may have to go through several pages to select all results. Selected results are placed in the right-hand column. Once you are done with your selections click on the Search button to go to the Text Search page.

Click this icon to save your search for future reference.