

Search the Thesaurus Linguae Graecae Online

The TLG® site allows you to search the TLG textual and bibliographical materials. You may begin your search from the *Canon of Greek Authors and Works* (**TLG Canon**) or go directly to the texts (**TLG Texts**).

We recommend beginning your search from the *Canon* if you are interested in a particular author or ancient work; or you wish to limit your search to a preselected group of authors or genre, historical period, or geographical location. We recommend a text search if you wish to search the entire TLG® corpus. In either case, you can always begin and change your search using the sidebar links.

- **TLG Canon Search:**

You can search the Canon by **Author**, **Work** or **Published edition**. Please note that names of works and authors are stored in Latin, not English or Greek; thus, the Iliad is stored as **Ilias**, and John Chrysostom as **Joannes Chrysostomus**. However, even if you enter part of the name of the author e.g. 'Chrysostom' for 'Chrysostomus' the search engine will locate the author.

You can search an **Author** by:

1. The author's name (or *Canon* number, if you know it), e.g. Homer(us) or 0012. You may also compile your own list of authors by selecting authors by letter. The complete TLG® author list is very long and may be slow to open. We recommend that you browse the author list and select your authors by letter. The search engine remembers your selection from the preceding screen selection. When you are ready to proceed to the simple search, the system will produce a list of all authors you have selected.
2. Date. If you select this option the system will search through authors whose date can be determined with certainty. If you wish to include in your search authors of uncertain date, you need to check the box next to the scroll down menu to include *varia, incerta, ante-* and *post-* dates. Or,
3. use the scroll-down menu to select authors by their generic or geographic epithet,

You can search a **Work** by:

4. the title of the **ancient work**, e.g. *Cyclops*, or
5. use the scroll-down menu to select works by their classification

You can search for a certain **Publication**, i.e. modern text edition by:

6. its title, e.g. *Euripides Fabulae*
7. the title of the publication series, e.g. *Corpus Christianorum* or
8. the name of its editor, e.g. B. Snell

Once you have made your selection, the search engine returns all the matching authors or works, with bibliographic details on each. You may search all retrieved items by pressing *Search all texts*, or click the checkboxes of the items you are interested in, and press *Search selected texts*. You can also click on *Show works* for any given author to select and search through that author's works instead.

You are now presented with the *Simple search form* and you can begin searching the texts you have selected. If you prefer to search the entire corpus you have the option to reach this form directly from the sidebar without going through the *Canon*.

- **Simple Text Search**

If you have already selected one or more authors from the *Canon Search*, your selection will appear at the top. Otherwise, the search engine assumes that you want a **Full Corpus Search**. Now you are ready to enter a word or string of characters to search for.

** Please note that most browsers do not allow you to input Greek, so you will have to enter the word you wish to search in Latin Transliteration or Beta code. Even if you cannot input your search in Greek, you should be able to see your results in the Greek font you have selected (provided that this Greek font is installed in your computer).

- **Textual Search vs. Word Index Search**

You have a choice between a **Textual Search** or a TLG **Word index Search**. If you select **Word Index**, the search goes through all the word forms in the corpus. The text you have typed in is treated as a prefix of possible words to look for. (You can use space to terminate the word you are looking for.) You will then be presented with a list of all such word forms present in the texts you are searching through. You can select the word forms to actually search, or request a search through all the found word forms.

If you select **Textual Search**, on the other hand, the search does not use the word index, but goes through the actual text files, character by character, to find the text you have specified. This text will be found anywhere in a word, and can even span across words. (Space can be used to indicate the beginning and end of words.) However, such searches are going to be significantly slower than word-index searches, particularly for the full corpus.

Once you select the type of search (textual or Word Index) the search engine returns its results to you one page at a time. If a search times out (would take more than ten seconds), the search engine stops and asks you whether to continue its search, or display the results it has found so far. If your search is long, you may have to press *Next Results* to view the next page of results. Each result is displayed with a reference to its Canon bibliography and citation information so that you can locate the text in the printed edition. At this point, you also have the option to **browse** the text in its context.

If you wish to have your results printed, click on the "Printable Form" button at the end of the page.

- **Save My Searches**

The TLG allows you to save up to 10 completed searches to review at a later time. To save a search click at the "Save Search" button located at the end of each text search page. Your searches are saved on a separate page and can always be accessed by following the "View my searches" links.

Canon Searches:

Date: Prints the date each search was saved.

Annotation: An additional box is provided for your own annotation. Click on "Apply Changes" to save the annotation.

Display: Displays the saved search

Edit: gives you the option to delete items from a saved search or modify an existing search and save the results as a new search.

Merge: Allows you to click on two searches at the time and merge the results of these searches. This function works with similar types of searches only, i.e. you can merge two Author searches but not an Author and Work search.

Delete: click on the box to permanently delete a search.

Text Searches

Text searches can also be saved. Please note that a saved search is recreated every time you request its display (the system saves only the parameters of your search) so a long search (e.g. a full corpus textual search) will take as long to resolve when you restore it as it took the first time you did the search. In the case of long searches where you may have to go through several pages (by clicking on "Next Results") you may use the 'save' feature at any point/page of your search. However, when you restore your search, the restoration will always begin from the first page.

Saved text searches can be displayed or deleted. You cannot merge or edit a textual search. However, you can use the **Save As** option of your browser to export a search on your desktop and edit the search results using your word processing software.

- **Advanced Search**

The **Advanced Search** works the same way as the Simple Search, except that it offers more options. It allows you to do wildcard and proximity searches, i.e. search for words in the vicinity of other words.

For more information, please go to the online [TLG Help](#).