

Written Sources of Classical Mythology:

written in GREEK:

Mycenaean Period/Late Bronze Age 1600-1050 BCE

Linear B tablets

Dark Age 1050-750 BCE

No surviving records

1. The Archaic Period 750–479 BCE / 8th-7th century BCE

- a. **Homer (c.750 - 700 BCE)**
 - i. *Iliad*
 - ii. *Odyssey*
- b. **Hesiod (c. 700 BCE):**
 - i. *Theogony*
 - ii. *The Works and Days*
- c. **Homeric Hymns (not written by Homer!)**
- d. **Sappho (c. c. 630 – c. 570 BC)**

2. Classical Period: 479–323 BCE / 5th-4th century BCE

- a. Playwrights:
 - i. **Aeschylus (525-456 BCE)**
 1. **The Oresteia:**
 - a. *Agamemnon*
 - b. *The Libation Bearers*
 - c. *The Eumenides*
 2. *Prometheus Bound*
 - ii. **Sophocles (c. 496-406 BCE)**
 1. **Theban Plays:**
 - a. *Oedipus the King*
 - b. *Oedipus at Colonnus*
 - c. *Antigone*

iii. Euripides (c. 484-406 BCE)

1. *Heracles Insane*
2. *Medea*
3. *The Bacchae*

b. Philosopher:

i. Plato (428-348 BCE)

1. *The Republic*
2. *The Symposium*

3. Hellenistic Period 323BCE – 30 CE / 4th BCE – 1st CE

Hellenistic Mythography

a. (Pseudo)-Apollodorus (2nd century CE ?)

- i. *Library*—summary retellings of myths

b. Lucian (2nd century CE)

- i. *Dialogues*

written in LATIN:

4. Roman Period 31 BCE – 400 CE

All the texts are 1st century BCE – 1st century CE; “Year 0”

a. Vergil (70-19 BCE):

- i. *Aeneid*
- ii. *Georgics*

b. Ovid (43 BC – 17 CE):

- i. *Metamorphoses*

c. Statius (c. 45– 96 CE):

- i. *Achilleid*