

# A quick guide to the Perseus Digital Library: Finding a work

This document provides a quick guide on how to find a particular Greek work in the collections of the Perseus Digital Library, followed by a step-by-step example that you can work through for practice.

## Quick guide

To find a work in Greek, navigate as follows:

Collections >> Greek and Roman Materials >> Author Name >> Work Name

Alternatively type the abbreviated author, work, and line number, into the 'Search' box.

## Step-by-step example

This example demonstrates how to find the Greek version of the *Iliad*:

1. Go to the Perseus homepage: <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/>

The screenshot shows the Perseus Digital Library homepage. At the top, there is a logo for the Perseus Digital Library, the name of the editor-in-chief (Gregory R. Crane), and a search bar. Below the navigation menu, the main content area is divided into several sections. The 'Perseus Digital Library Updates' section lists recent news items with dates and brief descriptions. The 'Popular Texts' section lists various classical works available in English and Latin. The 'Art and Archaeology' section features images of ancient artifacts with captions. The 'Exhibits' section displays digital reconstructions of ancient scenes and figures.

2. From the menu bar at the top, select **Collections**.  
The Collections page displays the different collections available at Perseus Digital Library.



- ▶ Hesiod.
- ▶ Hippocrates.
- ▶ Homer.

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The epic works are listed.

- ▶ Hippocrates.

- ▼ Homer.

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5. Select the name of the work, **Iliad**. You can choose either the Greek or one of the English versions.

In this example, choose **Greek**.

The text of the *Iliad* is displayed.

Homer, *Iliad*

Search ("Agamemnon", "Hom. Od. 9.1", "denarius")  
All Search Options [view abbreviations]

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μῆνιν ἀειδέ θεὰ Πηληϊάδεω Ἀχιλῆος  
οὐλομένην, ἣ μυρ' Ἀχαιοῖς ἀλγέ' ἔθηκε,  
πολλὰς δ' ἰφθίμους ψυχὰς Ἄϊδι προΐαψεν  
ἡρώων, αὐτοὺς δὲ ἑλώρια τεύχε κύνεσσιν  
οἰωνοῖσι τε πᾶσι, Διὸς δ' ἐτελείετο βουλή,  
ἔξ οὗ δὴ τὰ πρῶτα διαστήτην ἐρίσαντε  
Ἀτρεΐδης τε ἀναξάνδρῶν καὶ διὸς Ἀχιλλεύς.  
τίς τ' ἄρ' σφάε θεῶν ἐριδί ξυνέηκε μάχεσθαι;  
Λητοῦς καὶ Διὸς υἱός; ὁ γὰρ βασιλῆϊ χλωθῆεις  
νοῦσον ἀνά στρατὸν ὄρσε κακῆν, ὀλέκοντο δὲ λαοί,  
οὐνεκα τὸν Χρῦσῆν ἠτίμασεν ἀρητήρα  
Ἀτρεΐδης; ὁ γὰρ ἦλθε θοάς ἐπὶ νῆας Ἀχαιῶν  
Λυσόμενος τε θύγατρα φέρον τ' ἀπερείσι' ἄποινα,  
στέμματ' ἔχων ἐν χερσίν ἐκηβόλου Ἀπόλλωνος  
χρυσῶν ἀνά σκήπτρω, καὶ λίσσοτο πάντας Ἀχαιοῦς,  
Ἀτρεΐδα δὲ μάλιστα δύω, κοσμήτορε λαόν:  
Ἀτρεΐδαί τε καὶ ἄλλοι εὐκνημίδες Ἀχαιοί,  
ὕμιν μὲν θεοὶ δοῖεν Ὀλύμπια δόματ' ἔχοντες  
ἐκπέρασι Πριάμοιο πόλιν, εὐ δ' οἰκαδ' ἰκέσθαι;  
παῖδα δ' ἔμοι λῦσαιτε φίλην, τὰ δ' ἄποινα δέχεσθαι,  
ἄλλ' οὐκ Ἀτρεΐδῃ Ἀγαμέμνονι ἠνδάνε θυμῶ,  
ἀλλὰ κακῶς ἀφίει, κρατερὸν δ' ἐπὶ μῦθον ἔτελλε:  
μῆ σε γέρον κούλησιν ἐγὼ παρὰ νηυσὶ κίχαιώ  
ἦ νῦν ἠθύνοντ' ἢ ὕστερον αὐτὶς ἰόντα,

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## Searching for a work

Alternatively you can search for author/title using the **Search** box at top right of the header.

("Agamemnon", "Hom. Od. 9.1", "denarius")  
All Search Options [view abbreviations]

For example you could type **Hom. Il. 1.1** to search for the start of *Iliad*.  
To see a list of the works, click on 'view abbreviations'.