Doing Classics research in *l’Année Philologique (APh)*

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**Essential facts:**

- **APh is an index only** – it has no full text books or articles. Use APh to discover books and articles on your topic. Then click [Get it! @ Memorial](#) to find the item in the library collection.

- **APh is a multi-lingual database.** Abstracts (summaries) of articles or books may be written in English, French, German, Spanish or Italian. *If the title of the article is in English, then the full article, book, or book chapter is in English (regardless of the abstract).*

- There are very few subject headings or descriptors in APh, so all you are really searching is the title of the article and the summary. Because the title may be in English and the summary in another language, your English search words are sometimes only searching the titles of the articles. To compensate, **run different searches with synonyms.** You could also translate your words into French, German, Spanish, or Italian (use Google Translate).

- **You can use OR to join synonyms**, but it **must be capitalized**.

- **APh has two wildcards.** Use ? to find one character. Use * to find more than one character. At times, it may be easier to just add more terms with OR than to figure out which wildcard to use.

- **To search for a phrase, use “quotation marks”**.

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**Step 1: Use Advanced Search**

Advanced Search is the default search. To go to a blank search screen, click the Advanced Search link located in the upper left of the APh screen.

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**Step 2: Filter for language**

`and ▼ Language of Work ▼ anglais`

APh is a multi-lingual database. Names of Languages are listed in French. To limit results to English, choose *anglais* from the Language of Work list. *Remember: English title = English text.*
Step 3: Search one or more fields, such as:

Ancient Author and (Anonymous) Text

To find information about an ancient author or ANONYMOUS text, use the Ancient author and text field at the bottom of the screen.

NOTE: For ancient texts by KNOWN authors, use All fields (see section below).

APH uses the full Latin names of all Classical authors.
Click Browse next to the Ancient author and text field to search the full list of authors.

In the Browse list, click the icon next to each name you want to search, then click Insert/close.

All fields

To find information about an ancient text (with a known author), character, place, concept, or subject, use All fields at the top of the screen.

All fields searches the full text of the database records, NOT the full text of articles or books.

The titles of ancient texts may appear in any language used by the database – English, French, Italian, Spanish, German, or Latin – so translate titles if you need to increase your results.

Step 4: View results and get items

- Click the title to view the detailed record for each item, or use the link at the top of the page (“To view all documents, click here”) to view details of all results in a list.
- Use the Get It @ Memorial button to confirm whether MUN has the item. Get It sometimes gets it wrong, so search the book or journal title yourself in OneSearch to be absolutely sure.
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