

L'Année philologique (Aph)

[L'Année philologique](#) (The Year in Philology) is an international, multilingual bibliography containing citations and abstracts of scholarly work on classical antiquity, including articles from 1,500 periodicals as well as monographs, essay collections, conference proceedings, and reviews. Coverage goes back to vol. 20 (1949) of the printed version (Davidson Library, Reference, Z7016 .A5).

Getting Started

From the [homepage of the UCSB Libraries](#), point to Research, then select [Article Indexes & Databases](#). Scroll down the alphabetical list and select [L'Année philologique](#). Then click on "Enter" to begin searching the database. (The database is accessible on campus, and off-campus for UCSB students, faculty, and staff via the [library proxy server](#).)

Overview

The multicolored search bar across the top contains multiple search criteria, any of which may be combined with any other(s) using boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) to create complex searches (see below, "Combining Searches"). You can search by modern author, ancient author or text, subjects and disciplines, and/or full text, and you can limit your search to a specific year or range of years, and/or by periodical, language, publisher, and collection.

Searching

To do a Full-text search, click on that search criteria and enter one or more terms in the search box. You can truncate with * to retrieve alternate word endings: **pindar*** will retrieve all citations with Pindar, Pindarus, Pindar's, Pindare, etc. If you enter multiple terms in the search box, such as:

pindar* hesiod*

Aph will retrieve all citations that contain *all* of these terms. You do not need to enter the word "and" between search terms; if you do so, Aph will regard "and" as a search term and thus may retrieve fewer records.

Click on the Search button or just hit Enter.

Displaying Results

When you click on the Search button or hit Enter, you are immediately taken to a "Search history" screen. To view your citations, click on "Read the total" (or on the underlined search result number, or on "Results" in the left-hand navigation column). To view the full record of a citation, click the open book icon. To navigate through the full records, use the navigation arrow(s) to the upper right of the full record display. Citations are displayed in order by Aph number; Aph does not provide an option to change this display order.

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Citations

In Aph citations, journal titles are abbreviated. Often pointing to the abbreviation will pop-up the full title, but not always. The following citation of a book by M. A. Grant also cites four reviews of Grant's book; the review citations follow the double virgule (||) and are separated from each other by a single virgule (|):

Result 14/45

Grant M. A. - Folktale and hero-tale motifs in the odes of Pindar. Lawrence : Univ. of Kansas Pr., 1967. V & 172 p. || CPh LXIV 1969 249-250 Pillinger | CJ LXIV 1969 178 Edinger | CR XIX 1969 276-277 Willcock | Hermathena CVIII 1969 53 Stanford

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To determine which journal is indicated by the abbreviation CPh in the first review citation above, first note down the search result number of your citation (no. 14) so that you can return to it easily. Then go back to the History screen (click on "History" in the left-hand column), point to "Other criteria" in the search bar, select Periodical, type **cph** in the search box, and hit Enter. You will see that CPh = *Classical Philology*. (Note: 40-02534 in the citation above is the Aph number.)

Combining Searches

Successive searches are listed on the Search history screen and can be combined using the boolean operators AND, OR, or NOT. For example, enter a Full-text search on **lyre**, and then another on **aulos**. (Do not click on "New search" in the navigation column to enter the second search.) Each search will appear in your Search history, labeled Q1 and Q2 respectively (Q = query). The number of results is given for each search; at the bottom is the number of combined results, i.e., the number of Aph citations containing *both* terms. Click on the "Combine" button to combine Q1 (**lyre**) and Q2 (**aulos**) using any of the three boolean operators, e.g.: **Q1 OR Q2**

This new search will then appear on the Search history screen ("Results of the combinations") as follows: **C1 = Q1 OR Q2** along with the number of results (C = combination). If you search on a third term, e.g. **harp**, you may then combine any of the three terms using boolean AND by checking the boxes next to Q1, Q2, or Q3 and clicking "Recalculate the total," or you may use the "Combine" option as explained above. Searches on any of the criteria (modern author, ancient author or text, subject, date, periodical, language, etc.) may be combined and recombined in this way. To erase your accumulated searches and begin afresh, select "New search."

Print, email, download

You can print, email, or download up to 50 citations at a time. From any full record, select "Print" or "Export." You can also select citations for printing, emailing, or downloading from a Results list by marking the respective boxes to the left of each citation.

For more help

See the excellent [Guide to L'Année Philologique](#) from Vanderbilt University.