Ancient Epistemology

Major and minor lists will be specified from the following (with supplementation where suitable). A major list will normally cover all of Plato, Aristotle and the Hellenistic schools. A minor list will normally cover either Plato and Aristotle or one of Plato or Aristotle together with the Hellenistic schools.

**Plato**

Primary sources (all from Cooper (ed), *Plato, Complete Works*)

*Ion*  
*Laches*  
*Meno*  
*Phaedo*  
*Republic* 5-7, 10  
*Theaetetus*  
*Sophist*  

and portions relevant to epistemology from  
*Gorgias, Symposium, Phaedrus, Statesman, Timaeus*

Secondary sources:

Peter Geach, ‘Plato’s *Euthyphro*: an analysis and commentary,’ *The Monist* 50 (1966), pp 369-82.


Aristotle

Primary sources:

*Posterior Analytics*

*Nicomachean Ethics* book 6

Secondary sources:

[ optionally: Robin Smith, translation and commentary on the *Prior Analytics*, Hackett 1989. ]


Marguerite Deslauriers, ‘Plato and Aristotle on Division and Definition,’ *Ancient Philosophy* Fall 1990.


Hellenistic Philosophy

Primary sources:


Secondary sources:

**Cyrenaics:**


**Epicureans:**

Elizabeth Asmis, *Epicurus’ Scientific Method*, parts 1-3, Cornell 1984  

**Stoics:**


**Sceptics:**

Myles Burnyeat, ‘Can the Sceptic Live his Scepticism?’ and ‘The Sceptic in his Place and Time;’
Michael Frede, ‘The Sceptic’s Beliefs’ and ‘The Sceptic’s two kinds of assent and the question of the possibility of knowledge;’
Jonathan Barnes, ‘The Beliefs of a Pyrrhonist,’
-all in M. Burnyeat and M. Frede (eds), *The Original Skeptics*, Hackett 1997


**Ancient epistemology and later philosophy:**

Myles Burnyeat, ‘Idealism in Greek Philosophy,’ *Philosophical Review* 1982


Gail Fine, ‘Subjectivity, ancient and modern: the Cyrenaics, Sextus and Descartes,’ in J. Miller and B. Inwood (eds), *Hellenistic and Early Modern Philosophy*
Ancient Social and Political Philosophy Reading List

GENERAL
Christopher Rowe and Malcolm Schofield (eds.) The Cambridge History of Political Thought, Cambridge, 2000

PRE-PLATONIC
Michael Gagarin and Paul Woodruff (eds.), Early Greek Political Thought from Homer to the Sophists, Cambridge, 1995

PLATO
A. Primary Texts
Apology
Crito
Republic
Statesman
Laws

B. Secondary Sources
Rachana Kamtekar (ed.) Plato's Euthyphro, Apology, and Crito: Critical Essays, Rowman and Littlefield, 2004 (pieces by de Strycker and Slings, Irwin, Burnyeat, Brickhouse and Smith, Kraut, Bostock, Harte)
Rachana Kamtekar ‘Social Justice and Happiness in the Republic: Plato’s Two Principles,’ History of Political Thought vol. 22 (2001)

ARISTOTLE
A. Primary Text
Politics

B. Secondary Sources
David Keyt and Fred Miller (eds), The Cambridge Companion to Aristotle’s Politics, Cambridge 1991
Discussion-papers by Annas, Cooper, Kraut, McGrade, and Schofield, and reply by Miller in Review of Metaphysics vol. 49 (1996).

HELLENISTIC
A. Primary Texts

B. Secondary Sources