

**Save Ancient Studies Alliance**

**Summer 2023 Texts-in-Translation Reading Group**

**The Alexander Romance**

Want to know about Alexander's flying machine or diving bell?

The *Alexander Romance* is important as not only did it keep the Greeks in touch with their ancient past during the following centuries, but it also allowed Alexander to travel to other nations, eg China, and became part of their tradition.

The *Alexander Romance* is still read in Greece (now called *Phyllada*) and has greatly influenced Greek folklore. Reading this text will help the students understand Modern Greek culture too!

This module provides the students with an introduction to the ancient reception of Alexander the Great, with a focus on the *Alexander Romance*.

This Reading Group will enable participants to explore aspects of the historical and legendary life of Alexander the Great.

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## [Session Recordings Playlist - Youtube \(Private\)](#)

### [Reading Group Folder Link](#)

#### **Week 1 (theme of week)**

Topic: Alexander the Great: life and cultural background

Was Alexander Great? Read the two following files:

[https://www.mediafire.com/file\\_premium/oo24mhxf5pe30fu/AlexandertheGreatAHeroVillain\\_STUDENT\\_copy.pdf/file](https://www.mediafire.com/file_premium/oo24mhxf5pe30fu/AlexandertheGreatAHeroVillain_STUDENT_copy.pdf/file)

[https://www.iranchamber.com/history/articles/how\\_great\\_was\\_alexander1.php](https://www.iranchamber.com/history/articles/how_great_was_alexander1.php)

#### **Week 2 (theme of week)**

Topic: Pseudo Callisthenes' Alexander Romance: context, language, themes, plot and *recensiones*

[https://www.mediafire.com/file\\_premium/gw57ptxzk5hrcsg/Alexander\\_sources.pdf/file](https://www.mediafire.com/file_premium/gw57ptxzk5hrcsg/Alexander_sources.pdf/file)

[https://www.mediafire.com/file\\_premium/xq03nlrwd9uvrp0/How\\_trustworthy\\_as\\_a\\_source\\_is\\_Plutarch-.docx/file](https://www.mediafire.com/file_premium/xq03nlrwd9uvrp0/How_trustworthy_as_a_source_is_Plutarch-.docx/file)

#### **Week 3 (theme of week)**

<http://www.attalus.org/info/alexander.html> book 1

Downloadable ppt presentation for the students:

[https://www.mediafire.com/file\\_premium/c60xvumfuyugga1/SASA\\_Alexander\\_Romance\\_LESSON\\_3\\_copy.pptx/file](https://www.mediafire.com/file_premium/c60xvumfuyugga1/SASA_Alexander_Romance_LESSON_3_copy.pptx/file)

#### **Week 4 (theme of week)**

<http://www.attalus.org/info/alexander.html> book 2

#### **Week 5 (theme of week)**

<http://www.attalus.org/info/alexander.html> book 3