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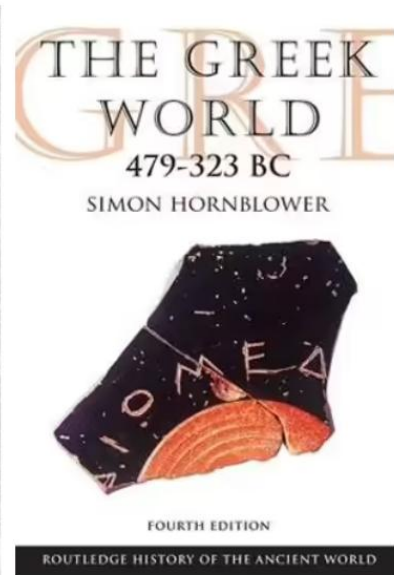
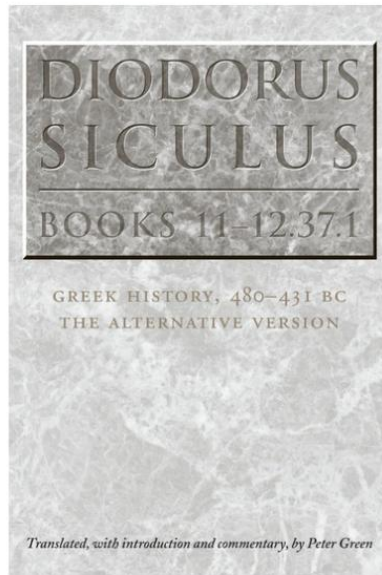
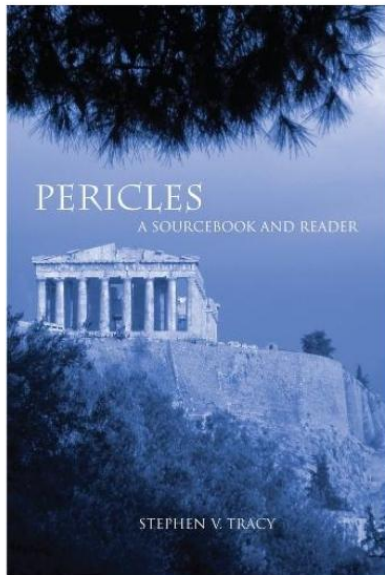
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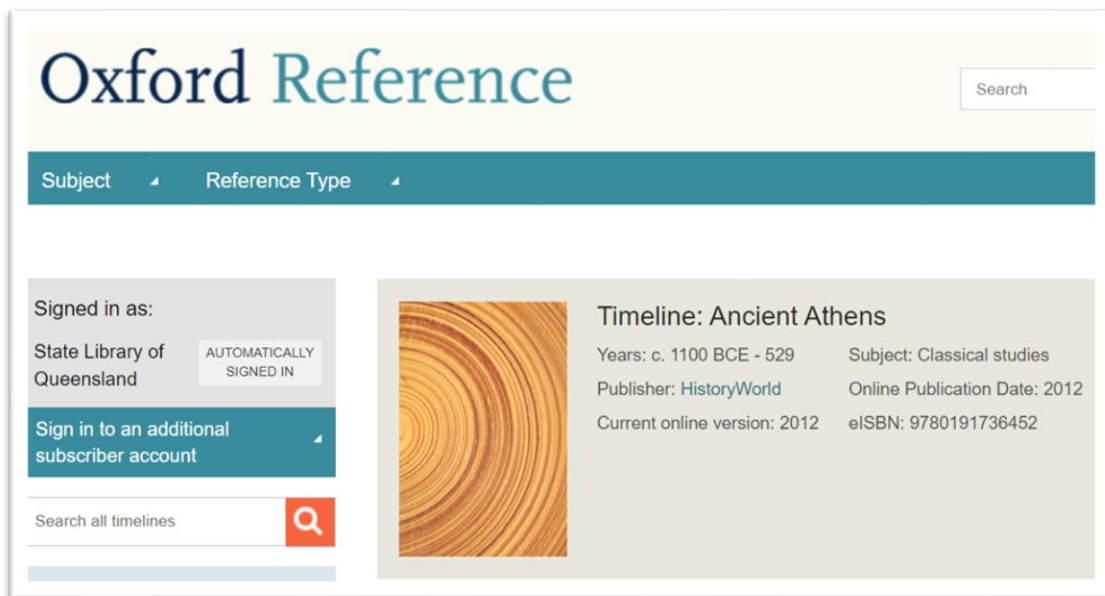
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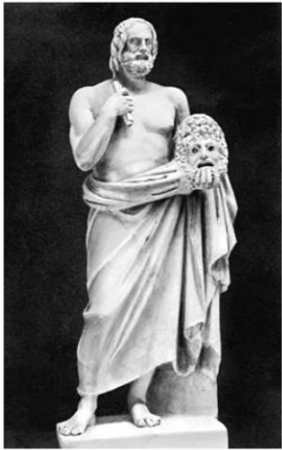
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(484?–406 BC). In 405 BC the comic dramatist [Aristophanes](#) staged his play *The Frogs*. It was based on the idea that [Athens](#) no longer had a great tragic poet. It was true. Euripides had died in 406. Along with [Aeschylus](#) and [Sophocles](#), Euripides was one of the three great tragic poets of [ancient Greece](#). Of his life very little is known. He was born about 484. Later in life he married a woman named Melito, and they had three sons. In 408 he left Athens for Macedonia, probably because of disgust with the seemingly endless [Peloponnesian War](#) with [Sparta](#).

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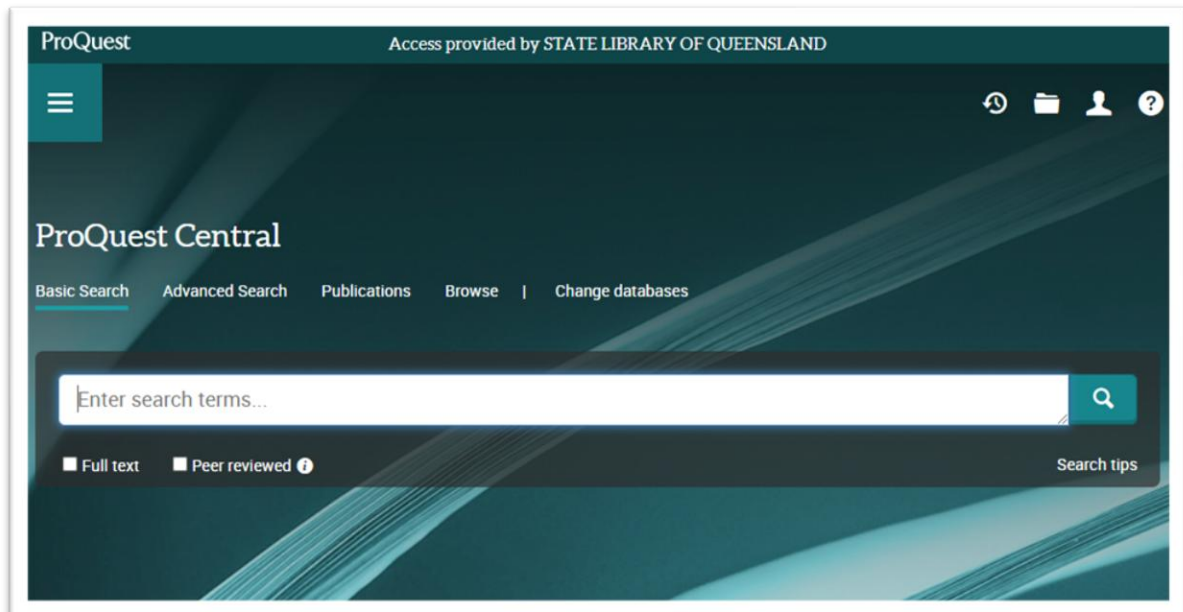
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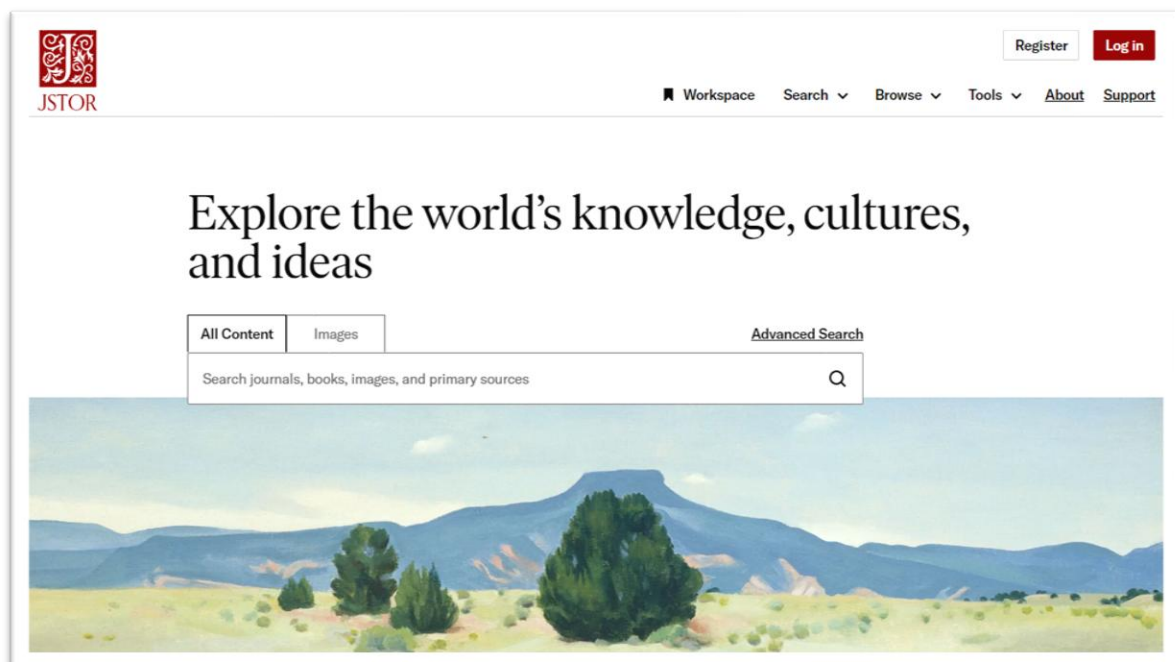


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