Literature Topics for Classical Philology Comprehensive Exam

Greek Philology Comprehensive Topics (categories adapted from Lesky, A History of Greek Literature). Prepare 5 topics selected from at least 3 different categories:

I.  Homeric Epic
   I.  Archaic Period
       - Hesiod
       - The Homeric Hymns
       - Lyric poetry
       - The Beginnings of Philosophy, Science, and Historiography

II. Classical Period and the Fourth Century BCE
    - Aeschylus
    - Sophocles
    - Euripides
    - Old Comedy
    - Herodotus
    - Thucydides
    - Plato
    - Aristotle
    - The Sophists
    - Rhetoric

III. Hellenistic Period
     - New Comedy
     - Attic Prose
     - Alexandrian poetry
     - Hellenistic philosophy

IV. Greek Literature under the Roman Empire
    - The Second Sophistic
    - The Greek Novel
Latin Philology Comprehensive Topics (categories adapted from Conte, Latin Literature: A History). Prepare 5 topics selected from at least 3 different categories:

I. The Early and Middle Republics
- Early Roman Poetry
- Plautus
- Terence
- Historiography

II. The Late Republic
- Poetry
- Cicero
- Republican Historiography

III. The Age of Augustus
- Vergil
- Horace
- Elegy
- Ovid
- Livy

IV. The Early Empire
- Declamation and Rhetoric
- Seneca the Younger
- Satire
- Post-Ovidian Epic
- Imperial Historiography
- Roman Novel
- Specialist Knowledge/Pliny the Elder

V. The Late Empire
- Late Antique Poetry
- Late Antique Prose
- Late Historiographers
- Fathers of the Church