

Would You Rather Live For A Week As (1) Epicurus During the Last Week of His Life or (2) An Anonymous Shepherd Laying In The Grass In The Summertime With No Pain At All?

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Personally, I think being a student of Epicurus for a week, even his last week, is more intriguing than "being" Epicurus himself.

Which leads me to ask if a more difficult question would be:

You can travel back in time for one week (and you're able to understand and read the language, have all the proper inoculations, etc.) for a specifically Epicurean excursion. When and where do you go?

Do you spend a week:

- sitting with Epicurus as a child, badgering his teachers about the origins of Chaos
- learning with Epicurus in Lampsacus at the beginning of his philosophical work
- traveling with Epicurus when he was getting kicked out of Mytilene
- being with Epicurus during the last week of his life
- in Athens meeting with Cicero and Atticus and visiting the Garden, Academy, etc.
- visiting the Villa of the Papyri, reading in the library, and attending a 20th with Philodemus and Piso

PS. I'm intentionally leaving out spending a week living in the Garden and house with Epicurus in his prime, in the mature school surrounded by students. That'd be the easy choice for me.