

During the time of Epicurus, who could read well enough to study philosophy?

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But the fact that we have so many examples of Cicero, and Plato and Aristotle's work has me puzzled still. I guess I can buy into the hypothesis that the Christians burned the copies, except that they had no real influence in the Roman empire until the end of the 5th century.

I've heard the estimates are that we only have about 1-5% of ALL texts from the ancient world. ([One source example](#))