

3 Periods of Greek Literature History

1. Remote Antiquity - Age of Herodotus

- This covers the Pre-Homeric & Homeric Age
- Includes the earliest poetry of Greece & the works of Homer

2. Age of Herodotus - Death of Alexander the Great (323 BC)

- Coincides with the Athenian Period - Golden Age of Pericles

3. Period of Decline (to AD 1453)

- Extends from the death of Alexander the Great to the enslavement of the Greeks by the Romans

Qualities of Greek Literature

1. Permanence and Universality

- Greek literature has an enduring quality
- It is alive today as it was 3,000 years ago
- It is read and admired by all nations of the world