

GREEK HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS

Topic 4: The Language of Alcman

Alcman's *Partheneion* is the earliest attestation of choral lyric and the Laconian dialect. Yet, it shows dialect-internal features postdating its creation, and external influences. What are they, how can they be accounted for, and how important is textual history for the evaluation of Alcman's language?

Try to read as much of the below as possible; where language is a barrier, try working with your partner.

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