

GREEK HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS

Topic 6: *The Koiné – a Language for all?!*

Is the κοινή διάλεκτος spread by the armies of Alexander the Great truly a ‘common dialect’ spoken by all Greeks of its time? How did it develop, what are its features, and how uniform was it?

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