

7. INCONVENIENT INEVITABILITIES: SENECA ON RETIREMENT, AGING, SICKNESS AND DEATH

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Background reading:

I would suggest having a look at M. Griffin, *Seneca: A Philosopher in Politics* (Oxford, 1992) and C. Edwards, *Death in Ancient Rome* (Yale, 2007).

Reading a selection of Seneca's letters from any translation (e. g. the Loeb) would be helpful. I would particularly recommend Letters 1, 4, 8, 12, 19, 24, 26, 36, 49, 54, 58, 61, 68, 70, 76, 77, 80, 82, 93, 96, 102, 104, and 105. I will be choosing my class material from among these.

Texts:

I will provide texts and translations (my own) of the letters that we will be examining. Students will be asked to purchase this material for a nominal fee to cover my duplication expenses.