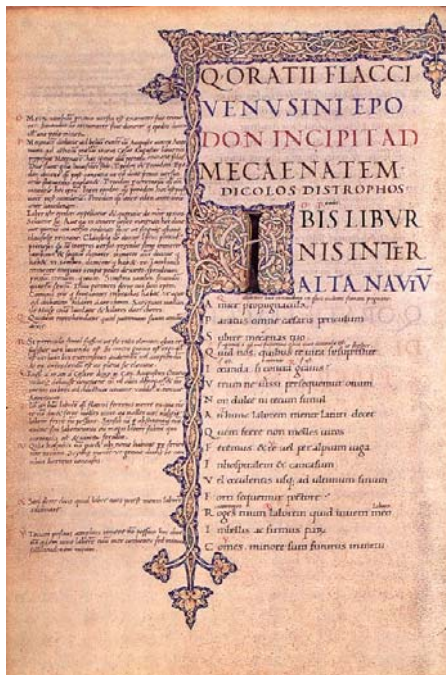


Quīntus Horātiū Flaccus (Horace)

65 BCE – 8 BCE

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- ~ He was born in Venusia, a small rustic town, on December 8, 65 BCE.
- ~ His father was a freedman who worked as a tax collector and made just enough to send little Horace to school in Rome and later to Athens, just like many boys from families of means in ancient Rome.
- ~ While in Athens in 44 BCE, after the death of Julius Caesar, he joined up with the army of Brutus as a *tribunus militum*.
- ~ After Brutus' army lost at Philippi in 42 BCE, Horace came to Rome, got a job as a secretary, and started writing poetry seriously.
- ~ Horace's poetry gained the notice of Vergil, who introduced him to Maecenas, both of whom were important figures in Roman literary circles, and both of whom became friends of Horace.
- ~ Maecenas, a famous patron of poets, gave Horace a nice villa in the Sabine hills, where he could escape the bustle of life in Rome and write.
- ~ At the death of Vergil in 19 BCE, Horace became the most celebrated poet in Rome.
- ~ He died November 27, 8 BCE at Rome.
- ~ Horace wrote Satires, Odes, Epodes, Epistulae, and Ars Poetica (to name just a few).



Manuscript pages from collections of Horace's Poetry