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AAA Archaiologika Analekta ex Athēnōn
ABSA Annual of the British School at Athens
AJA American Journal of Archaeology
AM Mitteilungen des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts, Athenische Abteilung
BAR British Archaeological Reports
BCH Bulletin de Correspondance Hellénique
BICS Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies
CMS Corpus der minoischen und mykenischen Siegel
JHS Journal of Hellenic Studies
JMA Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology
OJA Oxford Journal of Archaeology
SIMA Studies in Mediterranean Archaeology
SMEA Studi Micenei ed Egeo-Anatolici
MAP 1. The Mediterranean.
MAP 2. The Aegean.
MAP 3. The Cyclades.
MAP 5. The Peloponnese.
MAP 6. The Argolid.