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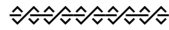
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ABBREVIATIONS FOR CLASSICAL TEXTS

Aelius Aristides

Panath. *Panathenaic Discourse*

Appian

BC *Bellum civile (The civil war)*

Aristotle (Arist.)

De An. *De Anima (On the Soul)*

NE *Ethica Nicomachea (Nicomachean Ethics)*

Pol. *Politika (Politics)*

Augustine (Aug.)

Conf. *Confessiones (Confessions)*

Contra acad. *Contra academicos (Against the Sceptics)*

De beata vita *De beata vita (The happy life)*

Civ. Dei. *De civitate Dei (The City of God)*

De doc. Chr. *De doctrina Christiana (Christian doctrine)*

De urb. exc. *De excidio urbis Romae (On the sack of the city of Rome)*

De fid. inv. *De fide rerum invisibilium (On faith in the unseen)*

De lib. arb. *De libero arbitrio voluntatis (On human responsibility)*

De mag. *De magistro (On the master)*

De mus. *De musica (On music)*

De ord. *De ordine (On order)*

De trin. *De Trinatate (On the Trinity)*

De ut. cred. *De utilitate credendi (On the usefulness of belief)*

 ABBREVIATIONS FOR CLASSICAL TEXTS

De vera relig.	<i>De vera religione (On true religion)</i>
En. Psalmos	<i>Enarrationes in Psalmos (On Psalms)</i>
Ep.	<i>Epistulae (Letters)</i>
Solil.	<i>Soliloquia (Soliloquies)</i>
Augustus	
RG	<i>Res gestae (Things accomplished)</i>
Unknown author	
Bell. Afr.	<i>Bellum Africum (African War)</i>
Caesar	
BC	<i>De bello civile (The civil wars)</i>
BG	<i>De bello gallico (The Gallic wars)</i>
Celsus (Cels.)	
Cicero (Cic.)	
Acad.	<i>Academica (Academics)</i>
Att.	<i>Epistulae ad Atticum (Letters to Atticus)</i>
Balb.	<i>Pro Balbo</i>
Brut.	<i>Brutus</i>
Caec.	<i>Pro Caecina</i>
Cat.	<i>In Catilinam (Against Catiline)</i>
Cluent.	<i>Pro Cluentio</i>
De amic.	<i>De amicitia (On Friendship)</i>
De div.	<i>De divinatione (On divination)</i>
De fato	<i>De fato (On fate)</i>
De fin.	<i>De finibus (On ends)</i>
De Imperio	<i>On the appointment of Gnaeus Pompeius</i>
Cn. Pompei	
De inv.	<i>De inventione (On invention)</i>
De leg.	<i>De legibus (On laws)</i>
De nat. deor.	<i>De natura deorum (On the Nature of the Gods)</i>
De off.	<i>De officiis (On duties)</i>
De orat.	<i>De oratore (On the orator)</i>
De rep.	<i>De re publica (On the republic)</i>

 ABBREVIATIONS FOR CLASSICAL TEXTS

Fam.	<i>Epistulae ad Familiares (Letters to Friends)</i>
Flac.	<i>Pro Flacco</i>
Font.	<i>Pro Fonteius</i>
Leg. agr.	<i>De lege agraria (On the agrarian law)</i>
Marc.	<i>Pro Marcello</i>
Mil.	<i>Pro Milone</i>
Mur.	<i>Pro Murena</i>
Orat.	<i>Orator (Orator)</i>
Par. stoi.	<i>Paradoxa stoicorum (Stoic paradoxes)</i>
Phil.	<i>Philippics</i>
Q. Fr.	<i>Epistulae ad Q. Fratrem (Letters to his Brother Quintus)</i>
Quinct.	<i>Pro Quinctio</i>
Rab.	<i>Pro Rabirio</i>
Rosc.	<i>Pro Roscio</i>
Sest.	<i>Pro Sestio</i>
Top.	<i>Topica (Topics)</i>
Tusc.	<i>Tusculanae disputationes (Tusculan disputationes)</i>
Ver	<i>In Verrem (Against Verres)</i>

Dio Cassius (Dio)

Diogenes Laertius (DL)

Diogenes of Oenoanda (Diog. Oen.)

Dionysius of Halicarnassus (Dion. Hal.)

AR *Antiquitates Romanae*

Epicurus (Epic.)

Her. *Epistula ad Herodotum (Letter to Herodotus)*

KD *Kuriai doxai (Principal Doctrines)*

Men. *Epistula ad Menoeceum (Letter to Menoeceus)*

Pyth. *Epistula ad Pythoclem (Letter to Pythocles)*

Vat. *Vaticanae sententiae (Vatican Sayings)*

Epictetus (Epict.)

Eusebius

Praep. Evang. *Praeparatio Evangelica*

Gaius

 ABBREVIATIONS FOR CLASSICAL TEXTS

Inst. *Institutiones* (*Institutes*)

Galen (Gal.)

De plac. *De Placitis Hippocratis et Platonis* (*On the doctrines of Hippocrates and Plato*)

Horace (Hor.)

Ep. *Epistles*

Odes *Odes*

Lucretius (Lucret.)

De rer. nat. *De rerum natura* (*On the nature of things*)

Marcus Aurelius

Medit. *Meditations*

Philodemus (Philod.)

Plato

Phaed. *Phaedo*

Phaedr. *Phaedrus*

Rep. *Republic*

Theaet. *Theaetetus*

Tim. *Timaeus*

Pliny

Ep. *Epistulae*

NH *Naturalis Historia* (*Natural History*)

Plutarch (Plut.)

Cato Mai. *Cato Maior*

De comm. not. *De communibus notitiis* (*On the common notions against the Stoics*)

De stoic. rep. *De stoicorum repugnantiis* (*On the self-contradictions of the Stoics*)

De tranq. an. *De tranquillitate animi* (*On tranquility of mind*)

De virt. Alex. *De Alexandri magni fortuna aut virtute* (*On the fortune or the virtue of Alexander*)

 ABBREVIATIONS FOR CLASSICAL TEXTS

- Non posse suav.** *Non posse suaviter vivi secundum Epicurum (That Epicurus actually makes a pleasant life impossible)*
- Tib. Gr.** *Tiberius Gracchus*
- Polybius (Polyb.)
 Quintilian (Quint.)
- Inst.** *Institutio oratoria*
- Sallust (Sal.)
- Cat.** *Bellum Catilinae (The War with Catiline)*
- Hist.** *Historiae (History)*
- Jug.** *Bellum Jugurthinum (The War with Jugurtha)*
- Seneca (Sen.)
- Cons. Helv.** *De Consolatione ad Helviam Matrem (On consolation to Helvia)*
- Cons. Marc.** *De Consolatione ad Marciam (On consolation to Marcia)*
- De ben.** *De beneficiis (On benefits)*
- De clem.** *De clementia (On clemency/ mercy)*
- De cons. sap.** *De constantia sapientis (On the firmness of the wise man)*
- De ira** *De ira (On anger)*
- De ot.** *De otio (On leisure)*
- De prov.** *De providentia (On providence)*
- De tranq.** *De tranquillitate animi (On tranquillity of mind)*
- De vita beata** *De vita beata (On the happy life)*
- Ep.** *Epistulae morales ad Lucilium (Epistles)*
- Her.** *Hercules*
- Nat. quaest.** *Naturales quaestiones (Natural questions)*
- Thy.** *Thyestes*
- Sextus Empiricus (SE)
- Adv. math.** *Adversus mathematicos (Against the mathematicians [logicians])*
- Pyr.** *Pyrrhoniae hypotoposes (Outlines of Pyrrhonism)*

 ABBREVIATIONS FOR CLASSICAL TEXTS

Stobaeus (Stob.)
 Suetonius (Suet.)

Dom. *Domitian*
Tib. *Tiberius*

Tacitus (Tac.)

Agric. *Agricola*
Ann. *Annales (The Annals)*
Dial. *Dialogus (A Dialogue on Oratory)*
Germ. *Germania*
Hist. *Historiarum (The Histories)*

Thucydides (Thuc.)
 Varro

Ling. *De lingua latina (On the latin language)*

Virgil (Vir.)

A *Aeneid*
E *Eclogues*
G *Georgics*

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