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## ABBREVIATIONS OF ARISTOTLE'S WORKS

<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Latin title</i>	<i>English title</i>
<i>APo</i>	<i>Analytica Posteriora</i>	<i>Posterior Analytics</i>
<i>APr</i>	<i>Analytica Priora</i>	<i>Prior Analytics</i>
<i>Cael.</i>	<i>De Caelo</i>	<i>On the Heavens</i>
<i>Cat.</i>	<i>Categoriae</i>	<i>Categories</i>
<i>De an.</i>	<i>De Anima</i>	<i>On the Soul</i>
<i>De Div.</i>	<i>De Divinatione per Somnum</i>	<i>On Divination through Sleep</i>
<i>DI</i>	<i>De Insomniis</i>	<i>On Dreams</i>
<i>EE</i>	<i>Ethica Eudemia</i>	<i>Eudemian Ethics</i>
<i>EN</i>	<i>Ethica Nicomachea</i>	<i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>
<i>GA</i>	<i>De Generatione Animalium</i>	<i>Generation of Animals</i>
<i>GC</i>	<i>De Generatione et Corruptione</i>	<i>On Generation and Corruption</i>
<i>HA</i>	<i>Historia Animalium</i>	<i>History of Animals</i>
<i>IA</i>	<i>De Incessu Animalium</i>	<i>Progression of Animals</i>
<i>Int.</i>	<i>De Interpretatione</i>	<i>On Interpretation</i>
<i>Juv.</i>	<i>De Iuventute et Senectute</i>	<i>On Youth and Old Age</i>
<i>MA</i>	<i>De Motu Animalium</i>	<i>Movement of Animals</i>
<i>Mem.</i>	<i>De Memoria</i>	<i>On Memory</i>
<i>Metaph.</i>	<i>Metaphysica</i>	<i>Metaphysics</i>
<i>Mete.</i>	<i>Meteorologica</i>	<i>Meteorology</i>
<i>PA</i>	<i>De Partibus Animalium</i>	<i>Parts of Animals</i>
<i>Ph.</i>	<i>Physica</i>	<i>Physics</i>

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<i>Resp.</i>	<i>De Respiratione</i>	<i>On Respiration</i>
<i>Rh.</i>	<i>Rhetorica</i>	<i>Rhetoric</i>
<i>Sens.</i>	<i>De Sensu</i>	<i>On Sense</i>
<i>Top.</i>	<i>Topica</i>	<i>Topics</i>