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DPW	<i>Discourses and Other Early Political Writings</i> . Edited by Victor Gourevitch (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997).
E	<i>Emile or On Education</i> . Translated by Allan Bloom (New York: Basic Books, 1979).
OC	<i>Oeuvres Complètes de Jean-Jacques Rousseau</i> . Edited by Bernard Gagnebin and Marcel Raymond, Bibliothèque de la Pléiade, 5 vols. (Paris: Editions Gallimard, 1959–1995).
SCPW	<i>The Social Contract and Other Later Political Writings</i> . Edited by Victor Gourevitch (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997).