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GKG	Jacob Burckhardt, <i>Griechische Kulturgeschichte</i> , reprinted Munich 1977.
Harding	Philipp Harding (ed.), <i>From the End of the Peloponnesian War to the Battle of Ipsos</i> (Translated Documents of Greece and Rome, 2), Cambridge 1985.
MECW	Karl Marx, Frederick Engels, <i>Collected Works</i> , Moscow 1975ff.
MEGA ²	Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, <i>Gesamtausgabe</i> , Berlin 1985ff.
MEW	Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, <i>Werke</i> , Berlin 1955ff.
Mill, <i>Collected Works</i>	John Stuart Mill, <i>Collected Works</i> , ed. John M. Robson et al., Toronto 1963ff.
Mill, <i>Dissertations</i>	John Stuart Mill, <i>Dissertations and Discussions</i> , vols. 1–2 (1859), reprinted New York 1973.
MWG	<i>Max Weber Gesamtausgabe</i> , Tübingen 1986ff.
Rhodes / Osborne	Peter J. Rhodes and Robin Osborne (Hgg.), <i>Greek Historical Inscriptions 404–323 BC</i> , Oxford 2003.