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### Abbreviations

#### Aristotelian Texts

APo.	Posterior Analytics
APr.	Prior Analytics
Cael.	De Caelo (On the Heavens)
Cat.	Categories
DA	De Anima (On the Soul)
Div. Somn.	<i>De Divinatione per Somnum (On Divination by Dreams)</i>
GA	De Generatione Animalium (On the Generation of Animals)
Gen. et Corr.	De Generatione et Corruptione (On Generation and Corruption)
HA	Historia Animalium (Natural History of Animals)
Insomn.	De Insomniis (On Dreams)
Int.	De Interpretatione (On Interpretation)
MA	De Motu Animalium (On the Motion of Animals)
Mem.	De Memoria et Reminiscentia On Memory and
	Recollection
Met.	Metaphysics
Meteor.	Meteorology
NE	Nicomachean Ethics
PA	De Partibus Animalium (On the Parts of Animals)
Phys.	Physics
Pol.	Politics
Top.	Topics
Resp.	On Respiration
Rhet.	Rhetoric
Sens.	De Sensu et Sensibilibus (On Sense and the Sensible)
Soph. El.	De Sophisticis Elenchis (On Sophistical Refutations)