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General History I

**370-900:
The Transformation of the Ancient World**

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What follows is a bibliography focused on many of the topics and themes covered in the paper, highlighting the significant and readable. It includes a number of primary sources available in English translation, which are an important aspect of the paper, and some useful web sites, several of which are gateways to other resources. A full bibliography would be vast, and this one makes no attempt to be comprehensive. Takers of the paper may well be introduced to other topics and to different primary and secondary reading-matter by tutors with specific interests and expertise. After the introductory and general sections, it is arranged broadly by period, region and theme (though these sub-divisions inevitably overlap to some extent).

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