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Due to Google's digitization programme, the information now available is unprecedented: but what exactly is there, and how can it be used? The Google Ancient Places (GAP) project investigates a means of facilitating the discovery of data that is of interest to scholars working on the ancient world, and experiments with ways of making use of the results. This paper sets out the work on which GAP is based, discusses our approach to finding ancient places in books, and showcases some examples of use, in particular the visualization of places in GoogleMaps alongside the actual text.
