



PRIMARY SOURCE

BOX 1.4 Millar, F. (1977) 1992. *The Emperor in the Roman World*, 2nd edn. London: Duckworth, ix.

In preparing the work I have rigidly avoided reading sociological works on kingship or related topics, or studies of monarchic institutions in societies other than those of Greece and Rome. I am perfectly conscious that this will have involved considerable losses in percipience, and unawareness of whole ranges of questions which I could have asked. None the less, I am confident that the loss in the opposite case would have been far greater. For to have come to the subject with an array of concepts derived from the study of other societies would merely have made even more unattainable the proper objective of an historian, to subordinate himself to the evidence and to the conceptual world of a society in the past.