

Cultural Beginnings FIG

Research Tips:

Reference Sources

The Reference section of the Knight Library is a good place to begin your research. Articles in specialized encyclopedias can provide an overview of a topic as well as experts' names and book and article titles for further reading. Search the library catalog for these authors, books, and journals. Since books are shelved by subject, look around on the nearby shelves for sources on similar topics.

Civilization of the Ancient Mediterranean KNIGHT REFERENCE DE59 .C55 1988

A three-volume encyclopedia of extensive articles on Ancient Greece & Rome. Use the index in vol. 3 to track down specific topics.

Dictionary of the Middle Ages KNIGHT REFERENCE D114.D5 1982

A fourteen-volume encyclopedia of signed articles including cross references and bibliographies. Arranged alphabetically. Vol. 13 includes an extensive index. One of my favorite sources for beginning research on a medieval topic! We also own encyclopedias on other periods of time and by country.

Encyclopedia of Cultural Anthropology KNIGHT REFERENCE GN 307 .E52 1996

Explores topics on human cultural variation, cross-cultural comparison, holistic views of specific cultures, and ethnographic field work.

Oxford Companion to Archaeology [Online—linked from UO Library Catalog]

Entries on a range of subjects, including biographies of the figures in the field, coverage of the methods used in archaeological research, essays that examine human evolution and many facets of culture.

Finding Books: *Library Catalog or Summit*

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Finding Article Citations: *Indexes & Abstracts*

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Anthropological Literature

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Anthropological Literature indexes articles and essays in English and other European languages from the 19th century to the present, in all areas of anthropology and archaeology.

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Web Sites

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