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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.

The first volumes are now available in an English-language edition of the encyclopedia of the ancient world. _Der neue Pauly: Enzyklopädie der Antike_ has only been available in German up until now. This series will continue to grow over the next few years. Includes signed articles with footnotes and cross-references.

_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.

Finding Books: Library Catalog or Summit

The library catalog can be used to search for books, videos, journal titles, etc. It allows searching by keyword, Library of Congress (LC) Subject Heading, title and author. Note that catalogers choose the most specific subject headings possible for the book as a whole. So, you might not find what you are looking for by using general headings. There may not be a specific LC Subject Heading for your topic. If you have trouble identifying the exact concept for which you are searching, try a keyword search. Try adding the word “sources” to a keyword search to find primary sources on your topic.

Acquiring Books

1. **UO Library Catalog**
   - UO-owned books
   - Immediate access
   - Free

2. **Summit Catalog**
   - 33 NW academic libraries
   - 2-3 working days
   - Free

3. **WorldCat**
   - Thousands of libraries
   - 1 Week to 10 days
   - Charges possible

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Finding Article Citations: *Indexes & Abstracts*

Do not limit yourself to one database. Remember there are specialized indexes (print and electronic) for classics, medieval studies, history, science, religion, women's studies, philosophy, etc. linked from the library home page under Databases & Indexes <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/>. After finding a citation, use the find text button— — to find out whether we subscribe to the journal electronically or in print.

*Academic Search Premier*  Includes citations on various topics from popular and scholarly journals
   Many of the articles are full text

*Newspaper Source* Includes citations and full-text from U.S. newspapers

*Lexis Nexis* Includes mostly full-text articles from U.S. and International newspapers

*Historical Abstracts:* Includes citations on world history (non-U.S. or Canada) 1450-present

**Web Sites**

*Research in Ancient History*
   http://libweb.uoregon.edu/guides/history/ancient.html

*Research in Medieval Studies*
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