

# ITAL150 Cultural Legacies of Italy

## 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. **Use the index** for each encyclopedia to find the most relevant entries.

*Civilization of the Ancient Mediterranean* REF KNIGHT DE59 .C55 1988

*Dictionary of the Middle Ages* REF KNIGHT D114.D5 1982

*Medieval Italy: An Encyclopedia* REF KNIGHT DG443 .M43 2004

*Encyclopedia of the Renaissance* REF KNIGHT CB361 .E52 1999

*Encyclopedia of Contemporary Italian Culture* REF KNIGHT DG450 .E53 2000

*Encyclopedia of Multicultural America* REF KNIGHT E184.A1 G14 1995

*Encyclopedia of Multicultural America: Primary Documents* REF KNIGHT E184.A1 G15 1999

*The Italian American Experience: An Encyclopedia* REF KNIGHT E184.I8 I673 2000

*Companion to Italian Cinema* REF KNIGHT PN1993.5.I88 N685 1996

*Magill's Survey of Cinema: Foreign Language Films* REF KNIGHT PN1993.45.M34 1985 [Note: Organized alphabetically by title of film. Use the index.]

*Dictionary of Italian Literature* REF KNIGHT PQ4006 .D45 1996

*Dictionary of Literary Biography* For Italian authors, browse shelves starting with PQ4057

*Grove Dictionary of Art* AAA REF. N31 .D5 1996


### 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.

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*FIAF: International Film Archive Database*: Index of film and TV criticism & reviews  
Available from Library Home Page → Databases & Indexes → Film

*Historical Abstracts*: Covers world history, except US & Canada, 1450-present  
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Time Period                          Limit search by century or decade  
   e.g. 1800H = 19<sup>th</sup> century, 1910D = 1910-1919

*MLA International Bibliography*: Indexes articles on literature, languages, folklore & film  
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## Web Sites

*Research in Art/Art History*  
<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/guides/aaa/arthistory.html>

*Research in Film Studies*  
<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/guides/film/>

*Research in Italian Language and Literature*  
<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/guides/literature/italianlit.html>

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