

Resources for Classics 201—"Magic and Mystery in the Ancient World"

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LOCATING PRIMARY SOURCES IN ENGLISH TRANSLATION

In addition to the Meyer and Ogden required texts for the course, this work may be useful:

Arcana Mundi: Magic and the Occult in the Greek and Roman Worlds: A Collection of Ancient Texts. 2nd ed. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006.

ebook, connect via OBIS , print copy Main Reserve BF1421 .A73 2006

Introductory essays, each followed by a selection of primary source texts (131 in all) on magic in antiquity. Chapters cover magic, miracles, demonology, divination, astrology, and alchemy. Includes a glossary of Greek and Latin words related to magic and a lengthy bibliography of secondary sources.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS--RELIGION AND MAGIC IN ANTIQUITY

Religions of the Ancient World: A Guide. Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2004.

Main Reserve BL687 .R47 2004

Overview essays followed by shorter articles on key topics on religion in ancient cultures.

The Oxford Dictionary of Classical Myth and Religion. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.

Main Reference BL715 .O94 2003

Thesaurus Cultus et Rituum Antiquorum (ThesCRA). Los Angeles: J. Paul Getty Museum; Basel: Fondation pour le lexicon iconographicum mythologiae classicae, 2004-2006.

Art Reference BL727 .T44 2004

vol. 1. Processions, sacrifices, libations, fumigations, dedications

vol. 2. Purification, initiation, heroization, apotheosis, banquet, dance, music, cult images

vol. 3. Divination, prayer, veneration, hiesia, asyilia, oath, malediction, profanation, magic rituals

vol. 4. Cult places, representations of cult place

vol. 5. Personnel of cult, cult instruments

vol. 6. Abbreviations, Index

ENCYCLOPEDIAS--ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS

Brill's New Pauly: Encyclopaedia of the Ancient World: Antiquity. Leiden: Brill, 2002-2010.

Main Reference DE5 .N3513 2002 (16 vols.)

Extensive encyclopedia with comprehensive coverage of persons, places, events, and themes on the Greek and Roman worlds from the prehistory of the Aegean (2nd millennium BCE) to late antiquity (600-800 CE). The subject index in vol. 16 is not particularly user-friendly; check out section 17, "Religion" on pp. 62-67.

The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.

ebook, connect via OBIS (7 vols.)

Essays cover history, literature, philosophy, science, daily life, myth, religion, art, and archaeology.

Each entry provides relevant primary sources and a bibliography of secondary works. Includes many color illustrations and maps.

- Civilization of the Ancient Mediterranean: Greece and Rome.* New York: Scribner's, 1988.
Main Reference DE59.C55 1988 (3 vols.)
Signed, scholarly articles with bibliographies, on all aspects of ancient Greek and Roman civilization.
See extensive coverage in "Religion" section in vol. 2.
- Encyclopedia of Society and Culture in the Ancient World.* New York, NY: Facts On File, 2008.
Main Reference CB311 .E533 2008 (4 vols.)
Articles on all aspects of daily life in ancient cultures, with dozens of primary source texts.
Particularly relevant articles include cover astronomy, religion and cosmology, and sacred sites.
- Greenwood Encyclopedia of Daily Life: A Tour through History from Ancient Times to the Present.*
Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2004
Main Reference GT31 .G74 2004
Vol. 1. The Ancient World, see Ch. 8 "Religious Life"
- Encyclopedia of Women in the Ancient World.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2001.
ebook, connect via OBIS, print copy Main Library HQ1127 .S25 2001
- The Ancient Greeks: New Perspectives.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2004. ebook, connect via OBIS
- Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece.* New York: Routledge, 2006.
Main Reference DF16 .E52 2006
- The Romans: New Perspectives.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2004. ebook, connect via OBIS
- Encyclopedia of the Roman Empire.* Rev. ed. New York: Facts On File, 2002.
Main Reference DG270 .B86 2002
- The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.
ebook, connect via OBIS, print copy Main Reference DT58 .O94 2001 (3 vols.)
- Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt.* 3rd ed. New York: Facts On File, 2012. ebook, connect via OBIS

ENCYCLOPEDIAS--MAGIC AND THE OCCULT

The following encyclopedias from Checkmark Books/Facts on File, New York, all by the same author, form a series on magic, occult, and the paranormal; consult the index to find treatment of topics in ancient cultures.

- The Encyclopedia of Magic and Alchemy,* Main Reference BF1588 .G85 2006
The Encyclopedia of Demons and Demonology, Main Reference BF1503 .G85 2009
The Encyclopedia of Vampires, Werewolves, and Other Monsters, Main Reference BF1556 .G86 2005
The Encyclopedia of Witches and Witchcraft, and Wicca, Main Reference BF1566 .G85 2008
The Encyclopedia of Ghosts and Spirits, Main Reference BF1461 .G85 2007
- Encyclopedia of Occultism & Parapsychology.* 5th ed. Detroit, MI: Gale Research Co., 2001.
Main Reference BF1407.E54 (2 vols.)
See index entries under "Babylon," "Egypt," "Greece," "Rome," etc.
- The History of Science and Religion in the Western Tradition: An Encyclopedia.* New York: Garland Pub., 2000.
Main Reference BL245 .H57 2000
See Part X "The Occult Sciences," and index entries under "Greece, ancient," "Rome, ancient," etc.

FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

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Subject Heading searches: selected useful Library of Congress Subject Headings:

Magic, Ancient	Magic, Greek	Magic, Roman	Magic, Egyptian
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.....add "Greece," "Rome," "Egypt," etc. as a geographical subheading after these subject headings, e.g., "Cults – Greece," "Magic – Greece," "Occultism – Greece," etc. Or add "History" as a topic sub-heading.

Astrology	Magic	Oracles	Ritual
Cults	Mysteries,	Paganism	Superstition
Ghosts	Religious	Rites and	Talismans
Incantations	Occultism	ceremonies	Witchcraft

.....add "Religion," "Religious life and customs," "History," after these geographical subject headings, e.g. "Greece – Religion", "Greece -- Religious life and customs," "Greece – History," etc.

Civilization, Ancient	Greece Athens (Greece)	Rome Egypt	Magna Graecia (Italy)
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.....some topics may have more specific subject headings, e.g.:

Dionysus (Greek deity)	Evil eye
Eleusinian mysteries	Villa of the Mysteries (Pompeii)

USING DATABASES TO FIND ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

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L'Annee Philologique

Indexes articles in journals, collections, and conference proceedings covering all aspects of classical studies. Historical coverage ranges from prehistory to the Middle Ages.

TOCS-IN, Tables of Contents of Journals of Interest to Classicists

Searchable tables of contents for a selection of classics, Near Eastern studies, and religion journals. Use check boxes to simultaneously search pre-1992 journals and essays in books. Collaboratively maintained by 80 volunteers from 16 countries.

ATLA Religion Database

Major index to journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religious studies.

Academic Search Complete

Indexes articles from 8,000+ general and academic periodicals in all disciplines; over 80% of the journals indexed are peer-reviewed; almost 60% of the journals indexed include full text.

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- draws from OBIS, OhioLINK, many full text and article indexing databases, and digital repositories from colleges, universities, research centers, and other open-access archives
- comprehensive or complex searches should be done in subject specific databases
- OBIS and OhioLINK are generally better for finding books
- if links don't lead to full text, be persistent or ask for help; we probably *do* have access

HELP WITH RESEARCH

How to Prepare an Annotated Bibliography. Maintained by the Olin & Uris Libraries, Cornell University.
<http://guides.library.cornell.edu/annotatedbibliography>

The Chicago Manual of Style. 16th ed. Chicago : University of Chicago Press, 2010.
ebook, connect via OBIS , print copy Main Reference Z253 .U69 2010 (and other locations, ck. OBIS)

Research and Documentation Online. 5th ed., 2012. Maintained by Bedford/St. Martin's.
<http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/>

See this History section for examples of how to cite resources using *Chicago Manual of Style*.

HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN

OhioLINK/SearchOhio

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 - ☞ *does not include delivery of journal articles – see section below on ILL*
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- Barcode is the number on the back of your OCID
- how long it takes: allow 3-4 business days
- loan period: 3 weeks + up to 6 three-week renewals if item has not been requested by someone else

Interlibrary Loan (ILL or ILLiad)

- use for: articles in journals not available at Oberlin, books not available from OhioLINK
- how it works: libraries lend materials to each other; they often send scanned pdfs of journal articles
- to request: select “ILLiad/Interlibrary Loan” from the Quick Links menu on the Library’s home page; set up an account; enter and track ILL requests online
- how long it takes: allow 1-2 weeks; many articles arrive much more quickly
- loan period: journal articles are yours to keep; loan period for books varies

HOW TO GET RESEARCH HELP AT THE LIBRARY

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Email. reference@oberlin.edu – any time

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