

Resources for Classics 203: The City in Antiquity

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REFERENCE WORKS

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 these sections: 2, "Social and economic history," pp. 9-16; 3, "Cultural history and everyday culture," pp. 16-20; 6, "Archaeology," pp. 35-39; 7, "History of art, material culture," pp. 39-42.

Oxford Reference. Oxford: Oxford University Press. <http://www.oxfordreference.com/>

Online access to dozens of language and subject reference works from OUP. A helpful feature is the option to limit search results to "Subject reference: longer entries." Classical studies titles include: *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome*, 2010 (7 vols.), *The Oxford Classical Dictionary*, 2005, *The Grove Encyclopedia of Classical Art and Architecture*, 2007, *The Oxford Dictionary of the Classical World*, 2005, *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt*, 2001 (3 vols.), *The Oxford Companion to Classical Civilization*, 2014

The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997.

e-book, Main Reference DS56 .O9 1996 (5 vols.)

Covers archaeological sites, material culture, organizations, institutions, significant people, archaeological methods and theory, and more.

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 "The Visual Arts" section in vol. 3.

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 architecture, building techniques and materials, roads and bridges, sacred sites, settlement patterns, and towns and villages.

The Cambridge Dictionary of Classical Civilization. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

Main Reference DE5 .C28 2006

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

The Ancient Greeks: New Perspectives. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2004. e-book.

The Romans: New Perspectives. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2004. e-book.

Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece. New York: Routledge, 2006.

Main Reference DF16 .E52 2006

Encyclopedia of the Roman Empire. Rev. ed. New York: Facts On File, 2002.

Main Reference DG270 .B86 2002

Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt. 3rd ed. New York: Facts On File, 2012. e-book.

The Princeton Encyclopedia of Classical Sites. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1976.
Art Reference DE59.P7, also included in the Perseus Digital Library

Atlas of Classical Archaeology. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1977.
Art Reference G1046.E15A8 1977

An Encyclopedia of the History of Classical Archaeology. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1996.
Art Reference DE5 .E5 1996

A Dictionary of Ancient Near Eastern Architecture. London: Routledge, 1988.
ebook, connect via OBIS, Art Reference NA212.L45 1988

FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

OBIS is the Oberlin College Library's online catalog; it lists most library materials. The **OhioLINK Library Catalog** combines the holdings of 90 college and university libraries across Ohio. Both catalogs can be searched by **Author** or **Title** for a specific author or work, or by **Subject Heading** or **Keyword** for works about a topic, person, place, etc.

For subject heading searches – selected useful Library of Congress Subject Headings:

Search for the names of specific cities, e.g.,

Alexandria (Egypt)	Istanbul (Turkey) [i.e., Constantinople, Byzantium]
Bergama (Turkey) [i.e., Pergamon, Pergamum]	Pylos (Greece)
Corinth (Greece)	Tadmur (Syria) [i.e., Tadmor, Palmyra]

Add "Greece," "Rome," "Egypt," etc. as a geographical subheading after these subject headings, e.g., "Architecture – Syria," "Temples – Greece," etc. Or add "History" as a topic sub-heading.

Archaeological sites	City and town life	Public spaces
Archaeology	City planning	Temples
Architecture	City-states	Urbanization
Architecture, Domestic	Excavations (Archaeology)	
Cities and towns	Extinct cities	

Add "Antiquities," "Civilization," "History," or "Maps," after these geographical subject headings, e.g. "Turkey – Antiquities," "Egypt – Civilization," "Greece – History," etc.

Africa, North	Magna Graecia (Italy)	Rome
Egypt	Mediterranean Region	Syria
Greece	Middle East	Turkey

Search for more generic subjects about ancient cultures, cities, architecture, e.g.,

Architecture, Ancient	Architecture, Roman	Civilization, Greco-Roman
Architecture, Classical	Cities and towns, Ancient	Classical antiquities
Architecture, Egyptian	Civilization, Ancient	
Architecture, Greek	Civilization, Classical	

DATABASES FOR FINDING ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY CLASSICS JOURNALS

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 Search tips:

- try alternate spellings and different city names – many have changed over time, some more than once
- use truncation (wildcard characters) to search for root words with any ending (i.e., architectur*)

- limit search results to English if you don't read foreign languages

TOCS-IN, Tables of Contents of Journals of Interest to Classicists. Collaboratively maintained by 80 volunteers from 16 countries.

<http://projects.chass.utoronto.ca/amphoras/tocs.html>

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.

L'Annee Philologique. 1924-present.

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

☞ *To determine if the library has a particular journal, Use "360 Link to Full Text" or "Find It!" where available in research databases, or search **Journal Finder** from Library home page or the Quick Links pull-down menu*

DATABASES FOR FINDING ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS IN RELATED DISCIPLINES

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.

Anthropology Plus

Indexes journal articles, reports, commentaries, and edited works in the fields of social, cultural, physical, biological, and linguistic anthropology, ethnology, archaeology, folklore, material culture, and interdisciplinary studies from the late 19th century to today.

Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals

Indexes articles in architecture, urban design, historic preservation, and urban planning.

Index Islamicus

Indexes publications about the Middle East, Muslim areas of Asia and Africa, and Muslim minorities elsewhere.

DIGITAL RESOURCES, COLLABORATIVE WEB SITES

ARTstor

<http://www.artstor.org/>

Database of more than one million images in the arts, architecture, humanities, and social sciences.

The Perseus Digital Library. Maintained by the Classics Department, Tufts University.

<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/>

Covers the history, literature, and culture of the Greco-Roman world through English translations of primary texts, and secondary sources such as atlases, encyclopedias, images, site plans, and maps.

Historic Cities. Maintained by the Historic Cities Center, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Jewish National and University Library.

http://historic-cities.huji.ac.il/historic_cities.html

Contains maps, literature, documents, books, web links, and other relevant material on historic cities. Especially strong on Europe; for this class, only Alexandria and Istanbul are included.

Encyclopedia of Egyptology. Maintained by UCLA Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures.

http://escholarship.org/uc/nelc_uee

Provides access to peer-reviewed articles on a broad range of topics on ancient Egypt. Very much a work in progress; 1,500 articles are planned with just 135 currently available.

SUMMON – default tab on library home page search box

- searches across the spectrum of library content: books, scholarly articles, newspapers, data, audio, video, images, government documents, and more; searches many, *but not all*, library resources
- 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

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 the Humanities section for examples of how to cite resources using MLA style.

See the History section for examples of how to cite resources using Chicago style.

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Interlibrary Loan (ILL or ILLiad)

- use for: articles in journals not available at Oberlin, books not available via OhioLINK
- how it works: libraries provide materials to each other; includes delivery of scanned or photocopied articles from journals
- 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

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