

## Resources for Latin 307—"The Roman Historians"

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### ENCYCLOPEDIAS

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*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 (2<sup>nd</sup> millennium BCE) to late antiquity (600-800 CE).

*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.

*Oxford Reference: Classical Studies.*

<http://www.oxfordreference.com>, then click on "Classical Studies"

Besides the landmark *Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome*, this also includes eight other shorter, but still useful, reference works in classical studies such as *Oxford Companion to Classical Literature*, *Oxford Classical Dictionary*, and *Oxford Dictionary of the Classical World*.

*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. Look for the section on Rome in each article.

*Civilization of the Ancient Mediterranean: Greece and Rome.* New York: Scribner's, 1988.

Main Reference DE59.C55 1988 (3 vols.)

Scholarly articles with bibliographies, on all aspects of ancient Greek and Roman civilization.

*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 Oxford History of Historical Writing.* Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 2011

Main Reference D13 .O34 2011, Vol. 1. Beginnings to AD 600

See chapters on "History and Inscriptions, Rome;" "Annales and Analysis;" and "Imperial History and Biography at Rome."

*Ancient Writers: Greece and Rome.* New York: Scribner, 1982.

Main Reference PA3002.A5 1982

A nice 30-pp. overview essay on Tacitus appears in vol. 2; also includes other Roman historians.

*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 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

## FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

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**OBIS** is the Oberlin College Library's online catalog; it lists most library materials. Select the **Catalog** tab on the library home page search box. 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.

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

Tacitus, Cornelius [or names of other individuals]	Rome -- Social conditions
Claudius, Emperor of Rome, 10 B.C.-54 A.D	Rome -- Social life and customs
Tiberius, Emperor of Rome, 42 B.C.-37 A.D	
Nero, Emperor of Rome, 37-68	.....add "Rome" as a geographical subheading after
Latin literature	subject headings, e.g.
Classical literature	Emperors -- Rome
Civilization, Classical	Historians -- Rome
Civilization, Greco-Roman	Women -- Rome
Civilization, Ancient	
Rome [not Rome (Italy)]	.....some subject headings use "Roman" instead of
Rome -- Civilization	"Rome," e.g.
Rome -- Economic conditions	Art, Roman
Rome -- History	Magic, Roman
Rome -- History, Military	Roman law
Rome -- Politics and government	Roman provinces

**Keyword searches:** allows combinations of words that describe your topic

**Examples:** corrupt\* and (rome or roman) [change from "Keyword" to "Subject" for more precise results]  
tacitus and (historian\* or historiography)

## USING DATABASES TO FIND ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

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Connect from Databases tab on the library home page search box, or use the Quick Links drop-down menu

### *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.

### *Historical Abstracts*

Indexes articles from journals on world history and culture (excluding North America) for the period 1450 to the present. Though the time period covered suggests that articles on classical studies are excluded, in fact there is quite a bit of information on that era.

### *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.

## WEB SITES

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

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

An open-source project that covers the history, literature, and culture of the Greco-Roman world; provides a large database of images (coins, vases, sculpture), Greek and Latin texts and translations, resources for textual studies, and English word searches of the texts. Church and Brodribb's [out-of-copyright] 19th c. translation of Tacitus is included.

*The Works of Tacitus at Internet Sacred Text Archive.*

<http://www.sacred-texts.com/cla/tac>

A freely available archive of significant primary texts relating to religion and mythology; texts are presented in English translation and, in some cases, the original language. Some Roman texts (e.g., Church and Brodribb's translation), are included in the Classics section.

## TO FIND OUT IF OBERLIN HAS A SPECIFIC JOURNAL, MAGAZINE, NEWSPAPER, ETC.

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- Use "360 Link to Full Text" or "Find It!" where available in research databases
- Select **Journal Finder** tab on the library home page search box or from the Quick Links pull-down menu

## SUMMON – default tab on library home page search box

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- 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

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*How to Prepare an Annotated Bibliography.* Maintained by the Olin & Uris Libraries, Cornell University.

<http://guides.library.cornell.edu/annotatedbibliography>

Turabian, Kate L. *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations: Chicago Style for Students and Researchers.* 8th ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2013

Main Reference LB2369 .T8 2013 (and other locations, ck. OBIS)

*Research and Documentation Online.* 5<sup>th</sup> ed., 2012. Maintained by Bedford/St. Martin's.

<http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/>

See the History section for examples of how to cite resources using *Chicago Manual of Style*, which Turabian is based on.

## HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN

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### OhioLINK/SearchOhio

- how it works: ~110 Ohio libraries lend materials (primarily books) to each other
  - ☞ *does not include delivery of journal articles – see section below on ILL*
- to request: do-it-yourself online searching and requesting
- 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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***Drop-in help at the Research Desk.*** Just stop by and tell us what you need

Monday–Thursday: 10am–noon, 1–5pm, & 7pm–midnight

Friday: 10am–noon & 1–5pm

Weekend: Sat.: 2–4 pm, Sunday: 1–5pm & 7 pm–midnight

***IM.*** Chat online with a member of Oberlin’s reference staff (ObieRef) – hours same as above

***Phone.*** 440-775-5031 – hours same as above

***Email.*** [reference@oberlin.edu](mailto:reference@oberlin.edu) – any time

***Research appointment.*** Sign up online