

Digital Resources Egypt & the Near East



WHY THIS GUIDE?

When you start your research on a topic in Ancient History, you will find that the majority of your research will be in the library. Fortunately there is a growing body of digital resources online. Many of those resources are accessible through the library website for researching Egypt and the Near East at <http://libguides.mq.edu.au/ancient-history>. In addition, we have gathered together websites that may help with your research task.

Important: Remember that to maximise your marks in your assignments, you cannot rely on only using digital resources! Ancient History is just that, *ancient and still largely paper based*. You need to use both the library and digital resources for your research. *Maximise your marks by using paper and digital!*

WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS? WHERE TO START?

Your Assignment question will dictate your approach. If you are asked to write about evidence, then you will need to use primary sources: original excavation reports, texts in translation or the original language. But before getting to that stage you may need to familiarise yourself with the topic and work out your research plan. With that in mind, the following are useful jump-off points:

Ancient World Open Bibliographies: <http://ancientbiblio.wordpress.com>. This covers the whole field and is not limited to any one area of ancient history.

Claremont Coptic Encyclopedia: <http://ccdlib.libraries.claremont.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/cce>

Cambridge Histories Online: <http://tinyurl.com/CamHistOnline> - you have to log into the library to use this resource.

Online Egyptological Bibliography: <http://tinyurl.com/OnlineEgyptologicalBiblio> - you have to log into the library to use this resource.. This site includes the site formerly known as "Aigyptos" and will allow you to search primary and secondary sources that you can then follow up as part of your research.

Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt Online: <http://tinyurl.com/Ency-AE-Online> - you have to log into the library to use this resource.

UCLA Encyclopaedia of Ancient Egypt: http://escholarship.org/uc/nelc_uee. This resource is still under construction so your topic may not yet be covered.

Porter & Moss Topographical Bibliography Online: <http://topbib.griffith.ox.ac.uk//index.html>

Thesaurus Linguae Aegyptiae: <http://aaew.bbaw.de/tla/servlet/TlaLogin>. The landing page is in German so we have provided a link to the login screen where you can create your own login or use the "Guest" access. The website is in English at this point.

Standard Abbreviations for Periodicals are defined in either the IFAO's Guidance at <http://www.ifao.egnet.net/uploads/publications/enligne/abbreviations.pdf> (right click to download the PDF) or at the Egyptologists' Electronic Forum list of Abbreviations at <http://www.egyptologyforum.org/EEFrefs.html>

TEXT/LANGUAGE/EPIGRAPHIC RESOURCES (EXCLUDING COPTIC & PAPYRI)

Here you can find texts and other resources online. Sites may not all be in English, but many have options to change the language on screen. Includes dictionaries that are online.

Cuneiform Digital Library: <http://cdli.ucla.edu>

Digital Dead Sea Scrolls at the Israel Museum, Jerusalem: <http://dss.collections.imj.org.il>

Digitized Manuscripts from the National Library of Israel: http://jnul.huji.ac.il/dl/mss/index_eng.html

Manuscripts of the Mediterranean: <http://www.manumed.org/en/index.htm>.

Ebla Digital Archives: <http://virgo.unive.it/eblaonline/cgi-bin/home.cgi>

EEF Guide to Online Resources for Ancient Egyptian Texts:

<http://www.egyptologyforum.org/EEFtexts.html>

KeiBi e-Cuneiform Bibliography Online: <http://vergil.uni-tuebingen.de/keibi/index.php?r=app/index>

Leon Levy Digital Dead Sea Scrolls: http://www.deadseascrolls.org.il/?locale=en_US

Library of Alexandria Digital Inscriptions:

<http://inscriptionslibrary.bibalex.org/presentation/mainpage.aspx?lang=en>.

National Library of Israel Bibliography of the Hebrew Book 1470-1960:

<http://web.nli.org.il/sites/NLI/English/infocannels/Catalogs/bibliographic-databases/Pages/the-hebrew-book.aspx>

Oriental Institute Assyrian Dictionary: <http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/publications/assyrian-dictionary-oriental-institute-university-chicago-cad>

Oriental Institute Demotic Dictionary: <http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/publications/demotic-dictionary-oriental-institute-university-chicago>

Wörterbuch: <http://www.egyptology.ru/lang.htm#Woerterbuch>

Wortdiskussionen: <https://aegyptologie.unibas.ch/werkzeuge/wortdiskussionen/>

PAPYROLOGY, COPTIC, EARLY CHRISTIANITY RESOURCES

Brussels Coptic Database:

<http://dev.ulb.ac.be/philobad/copte/baseuk.php?page=rechercheruk.php>

Church Fathers: <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/index.html>

Duke University Library Checklist of Latin, Demotic and Coptic Papyri, Ostraca and Tablets:

<http://library.duke.edu/rubenstein/scriptorium/papyrus/texts/clist.html>

International Association for Coptic Studies: <http://rmcisadu.let.uniroma1.it/~iacs/>

Claremont College Nag Hammadi Archive:

<http://ccdlib.libraries.claremont.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/nha>

Papyri.info (formerly APIS): <http://papyri.info>

Papyrus Portal: <http://www.papyrusportal.de/content/below/start.xml?lang=en>

Trismegistos: <http://www.trismegistos.org>

The Unbound Bible – Coptic Bible Study Tools: <http://unbound.biola.edu>

University of Liège Literary Papyrology Documentation Centre (CEDOPAL):

<http://web.philo.ulg.ac.be/cedopal/eng/>

IMAGE RESOURCES

Arachne: <http://arachne.uni-koeln.de/drupal/>

Ancient Egyptian Architecture Online: <http://dai.aegaron.ucla.edu>

British Museum Collection Online:

http://www.britishmuseum.org/research/collection_online/search.aspx

Eikon Biblical Images Database (Yale): <http://divdl.library.yale.edu/dl/Index.aspx?qc=Eikon>

Egyptian Museum, Turin Digital Collection: <http://collezioni.museoegizio.it/eMuseumPlus>

Hermitage Museum Digital Collection: <http://www.hermitagemuseum.org/fcgi-bin/db2www/browse.mac/category?sellLang=English>

Metropolitan Museum of Art (NY): <http://www.metmuseum.org/research/image-resources>

Mudira Digital Research Archives (München): <http://mudira.gwi.uni-muenchen.de>

OEE Scene Details Database: http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archives/view/oe_ahrc_2006/

Serat – database of ritual scenes in Egyptian Temples from the Greco-Roman Period:

<http://www.serat.aegyptologie.uni-wuerzburg.de>

EXCAVATION RESOURCES/DIGITAL SITE PROJECTS

Here you can find information about excavations and digital recreations of sites.

Archaeological Institute of America Worldwide Excavation Information:

<http://www.archaeological.org/fieldwork>.

Armana Project: <http://www.amarnaproject.com>

Bubasteion at Saqqara: <http://www.hypogees.org>

Czech Institute of Egyptology Website with information about excavations and links to publications that have been released in PDF for free download: <http://egyptologie.ff.cuni.cz/?lang=en>

Dahshur North (Waseda University): <http://www.egyptpro.sci.waseda.ac.jp/e-dhshr.html>

Delta/Sinai Project (SEPE): <http://www.deltasinai.com/sepe-00.htm>

Deutsches Archäologisches Institut: <http://www.dainst.org/en?ft=all>. You can also access the Zenon database through this site.

Digital Karnak: <http://dlib.etc.ucla.edu/projects/Karnak>

EES Delta Survey: <http://www.deltasurvey.ees.ac.uk/ds-home.html>

Edfu Temple Inscriptions Project: <https://adw-goe.de/en/research/research-projects-within-the-academies-programme/the-edfu-project/projekt/>

Hierakonpolis Project Website: <http://www.hierakonpolis-online.org>

Ismant el-Kharab/Ancient Kellis (Monash University): <http://artsonline.monash.edu.au/ancient-kellis/>

L'Institut français d'archéologie orientale du Caire: <http://www.ifao.egnet.net>

Lepsius Denkmäler (all volumes digitized and online): <http://edoc3.bibliothek.uni-halle.de/lepius/>

Karnak Hypostyle Hall Project: <http://www.memphis.edu/hypostyle/>

Karnak Temple Inscriptions Project: <http://www.cfeetk.cnrs.fr/karnak/?hl=en>

Karnak, Mut Precinct (Brooklyn Museum): <http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/features/mut/>

Open Context: <http://opencontext.org/projects/>

Oriental Institute: <https://oi.uchicago.edu/research/oriental-institute-research-projects>

Osirisnet (Photos and Information about various tombs): http://www.osirisnet.net/e_centra.htm

EXCAVATION RESOURCES/DIGITAL SITE PROJECTS (CONTINUED)

Petrie Museum 3D Project: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/3dpetriemuseum>
Qumran Visualisation Project (UCLA): <http://www.virtualqumran.com>
Saqqara Excavations (Leiden University): <http://www.saqqara.nl>
Tell Basta Project: <http://www.gitta-warnemuende.de/tellbasta/project.htm>
Tell el-Daba Excavations: http://www.auaris.at/html/index_en.html
Tell el-Farkha: <http://www.farkha.org/english/english.html>
Theban Mapping Project: <http://www.thebanmappingproject.com>
Thutmosis III Temple Project: <http://thutmosisiitempleproject.org/index.php/en/>
University of Pennsylvania projects: <http://www.penn.museum/research/research-egyptian-section.html>
Yare Egyptology sells Excavation Reports: <http://www.yare-egyptology.freeola.org/YE/>

MACQUARIE EXCAVATION APPLICATIONS

Information about excavations is available at the Department of Ancient History's website at http://mq.edu.au/about_us/faculties_and_departments/faculty_of_arts/department_of_ancient_history/home/ on the right hand side of the web page.

MUSEUMS

Ashmolean Museum: <http://www.ashmolean.org>
Bibliotheca Alexandrina Antiquities Museum:
<http://antiquities.bibalex.org/home/index.aspx?lang=en>
British Museum: <http://www.britishmuseum.org>
Brooklyn Museum: <http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/home.php>
Coptic Museum, Cairo: <http://www.coptic-cairo.com/museum/museum.html>
Egyptian Museum, Berlin: <http://www.egyptian-museum-berlin.com/index.php>
Global Egyptian Museum: <http://www.globalegyptianmuseum.org/?lan=E>
Louvre: <http://www.louvre.fr/en/homepage>
MFA, Boston: <http://www.mfa.org>
Metropolitan Museum of Art (NY): <http://www.metmuseum.org>
Oriental Institute Museum: <http://oi.uchicago.edu/museum>
Petrie Museum Online: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/museums/petrie>

LIBRARIES & DIGITAL REPOSITORIES/AGGREGATION SITES

Academia (facebook for Academics): <https://www.academia.edu> - Academics upload parts of their research which is available online once you create your own account.

Ancient World Online List of Open Access Journals:

<http://ancientworldonline.blogspot.com.au/2012/07/alphabetical-list-of-open-access.html>

Bibliothèque nationale de France Digital Library: <http://gallica.bnf.fr/?lang=EN>

Deir el-Medina Database: <http://www.leidenuniv.nl/nino/dmd/dmd.html>

Digital Egypt for Universities: <http://www.digitalegypt.ucl.ac.uk>

Egyptologists' Electronic Forum: <http://www.egyptologyforum.org> - you can sign up for weekly newsletters about all things Egyptological.

Etana/ABZU: <http://www.etana.org>

Francesco Raffaele's Late Pre-dynastic and Early Dynastic Website:

<http://xoomer.virgilio.it/francescoraf/>

Giza Archives: <http://www.gizapyramids.org>

Griffith Institute, home to Porter & Moss and resources about the discovery of the tomb of

Tutankhamum: <http://www.griffith.ox.ac.uk>

Heidelberg University Library Egyptology Access: <http://www.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/Englisch/fachinfo/aegyptologie/Welcome.html>

Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/index.php>

Metropolitan Museum of Art Publications Online:

<http://www.metmuseum.org/research/metpublications>

Nigel Strudwick/Fitzwilliam Museum Listing of Internet Resources:

<http://www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/er/>

Propylaeum-DOK: <http://archiv.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/propylaeumdok/>

Topoi Excellence Cluster: <https://www.topoi.org>

University of Memphis Institute of Art and Archaeology Listing of Egyptology Books and Articles in PDF online: http://www.memphis.edu/egypt/docs/exported_bibliography8.html

WorldCat: <http://www.worldcat.org>

Women in the Ancient Near East (bibliography to 2001): <http://oi-archive.uchicago.edu/OI/DEPT/RA/WOMEN.HTML>

SOFTWARE/FONTS & OTHER USEFUL THINGS

International Association of Egyptologists: <http://www.iae-egyptology.org>

Jshesh Open Source Hieroglyphic Editor: <http://jshesh.genherkhopeshef.org>. Has both Windows and Mac installers.

Lingua Aegyptia Transliteration Fonts: http://wwwuser.gwdg.de/~lingaeg/lingaeg-stylesheet.htm#Umschrift_TTn (includes a Coptic font).

CG Transliteration font (Deir el-Medina Database): <http://www.wepwawet.nl/dmd/fonts.htm> (includes Mac & Windows options).

Ministry of State Antiquities, Egypt: http://www.sca-egypt.org/eng/msa_mp.htm