

Tips for Ancient Civilizations Research

Step #1: Find basic background information about your topic using general topic headings.

Check out specialty encyclopedias and the available databases (see suggestions below) to read general information and summaries of your topic. <http://lhwildcats.org/library>

Fall of Mauryan Empire	Rise of Han Dynasty
India--History	China--History
Sunga Dynasty	Liu Bang = Emperor Han Gaozu
Asoka	Qin Dynasty (Ch'in)
Conquering Civilization	Conquered Civilization

Browsing the Shelves

Information can be found in different shelf locations based on the subject area. Below is just a small sampling of how books are arranged both in non-fiction and Reference.

Also, explore using the card catalog:

<http://lhwildcats.org/library>

909—World history

930—History of the Ancient World

931—China

934—India

950—History of Asia—Far East



Step #2: Find in-depth information from books and materials owned by the library.

Use the Online Catalog to search for materials and use the ones suggested below. <http://lhswildcats.org/library>

Books and Print Sources in LHS Library	Call Number
<i>Myths and Legends of the Ancient Near East</i>	398.2093 Bratton
<i>The Ancient World</i>	709.39 Garbini
<i>National Geographic Almanac of World History</i>	909 Daniels
<i>Great Lives from History: Ancient and Medieval Series</i>	909 Magill
<i>Ancient Empires</i>	909 Milestone
<i>The illustrated History of the World Volume 1, Prehistory and the First Civilizations</i>	909 Roberts
<i>The Great Empires of the Ancient World</i>	930 GREAT
<i>Civilizations: Ten Thousand Years of Ancient History</i>	930 McIntosh
<i>A History of the Ancient World</i>	930 STARR
<i>China's Buried Kingdoms</i>	931 CHINA
<i>Asoka and Indian Civilization</i>	934 Kanitkar
<i>Ancient India: Land of Mystery</i>	934 ANCIENT
Title of Reference Book	Call Number
<i>Milestone Documents in World History Vol 1-4.</i>	REF 909 Bonhomme
<i>Daily Life Through World History in Primary Documents Vol. 1</i>	REF 909 Daily
<i>Lifelines in World History</i>	REF 909 Farah
<i>The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Daily Life: The Ancient World</i>	Ref 909 Greenwood
<i>Great Lives from History: The Ancient World Prehistory to 476 CE</i>	Ref 920.03 Great
<i>Great Events from History: Ancient World</i>	REF 930 Great
<i>Encyclopedia of Society and Culture in the</i>	Ref 930.1

<i>Ancient World</i>	Encyclopedia
<i>Encyclopedia of Asian History</i>	R 950 Embree
<i>Encyclopedia of Ancient Asian Civilizations</i>	REF 950 Ancient
<i>The Cambridge Illustrated History of China</i>	REF 951 Ebrey
<i>China</i>	REF 951 Ebr
<i>History of China</i>	REF 951 Horizon
<i>Encyclopedia of China</i>	Ref 951 Perkins

* Citation information can be found via the On-Line Catalog. Add the book title to “add to this list”, then click “in this list” (right-hand side); finally, click “Go” at the bottom of the page next to the Citation List option. See Step 6 for further help with MLA format and in-text citation.

Step #3: Databases—Electronic Sources

Use journal articles and materials from the library’s databases (even if .com) found on the library webpage. <http://lhwildcats.org/library>

ABC-CLIO:

User name: libertyville Password: wildcats

Areas to Use: Click on the “World History—Ancient and Medieval Eras” or select the “All” box. Be sure to read the category to prevent needless clicking or select a filter option on the left-hand side of the page.

Citation: MLA citation is at the end of the article.

EbscoHost:

Login: libertyville

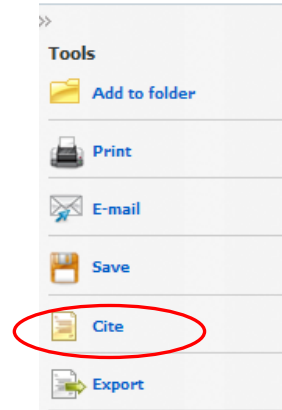
Password: wildcats

Areas to Use: Magazine, Newspaper, Health, Images, Bios, etc.

Click on “select all.” Do a basic search but be sure to check the “full text” box. Click the ‘sort by’ to relevance.

If using the “Student Resource Center” you will need to create your own citation.

Citation: Use the icon that says “cite” on the right-hand side of the page under “Tools”.



Facts on File:

Login ID: libertyville

Password: wildcats

Areas to Use: Click on “Ancient and Medieval History.” Check out the tabs to see how the information is organized such as the “Primary Source” tab.

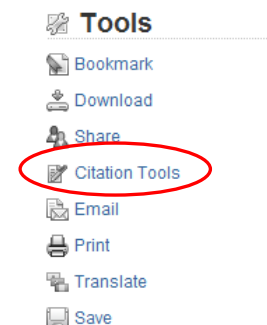
Citation: Information is at the end of the article in Chicago Style. Click on “How to Cite” for example of how to place the information into the MLA 7th Edition Style.

Gale Resource Center:

Login ID: wildcats

Areas to Use: Select the “US History in Context” and enter your search topic. May not be as successful for many ancient topics.

Citation: Click on the “citation tools” in the “Tool” bar on the right-hand side. Select the MLA 7th edition, click ‘download’ and then ‘open.’



Step #4: Gale Virtual Reference Library = e-Books

Login ID: wildcats

Areas to Use: Located in the **Gale Resource Center**. Click on “basic search” or if you want to restrict your search, use “advanced search”.

Citation: Citation information is at the end of the article.

Step #5: Find information on the Internet.

Use the Internet wisely. Set up a good internet search when you use **Google** <http://www.google.com/>. Websites ending in .edu, .gov, .org or .net are usually trustworthy. Remember to use the “+” and “-” symbols to narrow down the search.

For example: Minoan Civilization
“Minoan Civilization” +”Linear A” -.com +.gov

Google.Scholar
<http://scholar.google.com/>

Google Books
<http://books.google.com/>

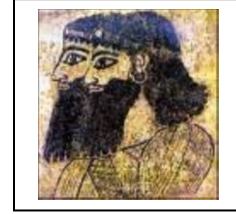
Minoan Kingship by Nannó Marinatos
http://books.google.com/books?id=_wa3WSXjQU4C&printsec=frontcover&dq=minoan&hl=en&ei=duNoTvLIJaHJ0AGD3PT1Cw&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=8&ved=0CE8Q6AEwBw#v=onepage&q&f=false

Websites

General Ancient History Websites

Fordham University Internet Ancient History Sourcebook (direct link to the home page on the LMC web page)

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/ancient/asbook.html>



Internet Public Library

<http://www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/hum30.00.00/>

Librarian's Internet Index Website <http://lii.org/search/file/history>

BUBL LINK Catalogue of Internet Resources—lists sites

<http://bubl.ac.uk/link/a/ancienthistory.htm>

Best of History—lists many more links, excellent site.

<http://www.besthistorysites.net/>

Ancient World

<http://eawc.evansville.edu/>



Ancient China Websites

Ancient China <http://vlib.iue.it/history/asia/China/index.html>

Library of Congress—China <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cntoc.html>

China- A Country Study- <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cntoc.html>

Secrets to Ancient China

http://library.thinkquest.org/20443/g_living.html?tqskip1=1&tqtime=1110

History of China

<http://www-chaos.umd.edu/history/toc.html>

Han Dynasty

<http://www.sacu.org/dynhan.html>

http://www.ford.utexas.edu/museum/exhibits/china_exhibit/han.htm

<http://www-chaos.umd.edu/history/imperial.html>

http://www.chinaculture.org/library/2008-02/09/content_22859_2.htm

<http://history.edugd.cn/showdetail.asp?id=189>

Ancient India Websites

Indus Civilization-

<http://www.mnsu.edu/emuseum/prehistory/india/index.shtml>

Ancient India—British Museum website

<http://www.ancientindia.co.uk/>

Library of Congress—Country Study India

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/intoc.html>

Exploring Ancient Cultures—India

<http://eawc.evansville.edu/inpage.htm>

Caste System

<http://www.friesian.com/caste.htm>

http://www.sfusd.k12.ca.us/schwww/sch618/India/Class_Caste.html

Mauryan Empire

<http://www.bihar.ws/info/History-of-ancient-Bihar/The-Mauryan-Empire.html>

http://india.gov.in/knowindia/ancient_history3.php

<http://countrystudies.us/india/7.htm>



Step #6: Works Cited

Use of MLA 7th Edition

Use of in text citation

Websites with examples

MLA Citation Information at Purdue Online Writing Lab

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

Cornell University Library

<http://www.library.cornell.edu/resrch/citmanage/mla>

Ohio State University Library

<http://library.osu.edu/help/research-strategies/cite-references/mla>

Library book with examples

MLA handbook for writers of research papers, Edited by Joseph Gibaldi DESK REF 808.027 Feal

Gibaldi, Joseph e., Joseph Gibaldi, and Modern Language Association of America.;. *MLA handbook for writers of research papers*. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2009. Print.

Outline Example:

I. Tips to Ancient World Civilization Research

II. Basic Information General to Topic

III. In-depth Information Using Print Sources

A. General collection materials

B. Reference materials

IV. Databases

A. ABC-CLIO

B. EbscoHost

C. Facts on File

D. Gale Resource Center

V. Gale Virtual Reference Library

VI. Online Resources

A. Google searches

i. Google

ii. Google Scholar

iii. Google Books

B. Websites

i. general ancient history

ii. ancient China

iii. ancient India

VII. Works Cited & Outline

A. Use of MLA 7th Edition

B. Use of in text citation

C. Materials available

D. Outline