

UQL Cyberschool Subject Guide: Famous Personalities of the Ancient and Medieval World

Getting started

What information are you seeking? Write down key words from your assignment topic to use in your search. Make a list of keywords and synonyms you will be able to use as search terms.

Keywords	Synonyms

Now start your search for information.

Reference

If you are not sure what your topic is all about, look it up in a **dictionary** or **encyclopedia**. Start with definitions, maps, timelines or biographical snapshots, to put your topic into perspective.

Title	Location	Call Number
Cambridge ancient history	SSAH	D57.C25 1970-
Chronology of the ancient world	SSAH	D54.5.M45 1976
Encyclopedia of world history : Ancient, medieval, and modern	SSAH 3 day	D21 .L27 2001
Personalities	SSAH Curriculum	DE7 .P45 2004
Oxford classical dictionary	SSAH Ref	DE5.O9 1996
The encyclopedia of the Egyptian Pharaohs	SSAH 3 day	DT58 .B35 2008 v.1
Fifty key Medieval thinkers	SSAH	BR1702 .E93 2002

Books

Books are a good starting point. Use the Keyword search option in the Library catalogue. You can search on words like Alexander the Great, Augustus, Qin Shihuang, Socrates, Hatshepsut or Montezuma.

(Tips: use a question mark (?) in a word to expand your search e.g Akhenat?n will find results for both Akhenaten and Akhenaton. Also use an * at the end of a word to expand your search e.g. Rom* will find results for both Rome and Roman.

Try the **subject** search for subjects such as **Qin Shihuang, Emperor of China, 259-210 B.C, Egypt History Eighteenth Dynasty Ca 1570 1320 B C, Boadicea, Queen, d. 62, or Marcus Aurelius Emperor of Rome, 121-180**. You can also browse the catalogue using **subject keywords** to find **SUBJECT HEADINGS**, or browse the shelves at the CALL NUMBERS indicated in your research: BL - Greek and Roman Religion, CC – Archaeology, DE - Mediterranean region, DF - Crete, Greece, DG – Italy, DS - Latin America, Spanish America, F - Ancient Mesopotamia, GN - Prehistoric Archaeology, Anthropology.

Now add resources you have found, using the Keywords you listed for your topic.

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Journals

For recent information, journal articles are often the best sources. Looking through journals in the hope of finding relevant material is time consuming. It is better to use full text databases to find articles on your topic. If your school subscribes to databases through UQL Cyberschool, you can access them at school (or home) through your Library network. See your Teacher Librarian for details and passwords. Some of the databases available to schools for free through your local (Brisbane City) Council Library or the State Library of Queensland are found at <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/find/articles>

JSTOR	JSTOR is a multidisciplinary archive of high-resolution, scanned scholarly journals. It is not a current issues database. Because of JSTOR's archival mission, there is a gap, from 1 to 5 years, between the most recently published journal issue and the back issues available. Subject areas covered include economics, law, history, Asian studies, Middle Eastern studies, language, literature, music, film studies, performing arts, religion and visual arts.
Humanities & Social Sciences Collection (Informit)	Covers agriculture, arts, Asian studies, business, cultural studies, education, history, indigenous studies, law, media, political science, reference, social sciences, science and technology. Content sources include peer reviewed journals, monographs and books, conference proceedings, research papers and reference materials.

Refer to the Keywords you listed previously to use as initial search terms. For example, to find information about **Augustus** you could search **JSTOR**, limiting the search to articles with full text, using the phrase such as **Augustus roman emperor** in a Keyword search.

Internet resources

To find specific information on the Internet relevant to your assignment search, use the right search tools.

UQL Cyberschool Internet Sites Database – contains selected for use in your assignments. It is searchable by keyword and by your school subject e.g. Ancient History.	http://cyberschool.library.uq.edu.au/index.phtml
A range of Internet Search Tools will help you to locate required information	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/how-to-guides/internet-web-searching

Other resources

For some topics you will need to consult specialist information sources.

Quick Reference Collection An online reference collection providing quick links to Government sites, statistics, biographies, facts, figures, definitions and dates	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/quickref/index.html
News How to Guide Media releases, the latest news and some freely available archive material.	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/how-to-guides/news-and-newspapers
UQ Library Subject Guides Get started – find books, journal articles, using databases, relevant Internet resources and specialised information in your subject area or handy hints on a specific topic.	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/findit/index.html