

## UQL Cyberschool Subject Guide: Everyday Lives of People in the Ancient 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	SS&H	D57.C25 1970-
Civilization of the ancient Mediterranean	SS&H Quarto 3 day	DE59.C55 1988-
Chronology of the ancient world	SS&H Ref	D54.5.M45 1976
Encyclopedia of world history: Ancient, medieval, and modern	SS&H 3 day	D21 .L27 2001
Oxford classical dictionary	SS&H Ref	DE5.O9 1996
The Greenwood encyclopedia of daily life: a tour through history from ancient times to the present	SS&H Curriculum	GT31 .G74 2004
Oxford classical dictionary	SS&H Ref	DE5.O9 1996

### Books

Books are a good starting point. Use the Keyword search option in the Library catalogue. You can search on words like **Roman Senate, Greek religion, Rome and women, Greek architecture, daily life Rome or social customs Mesopotamia.** (Tips: use a question mark (?) in a word to expand your search e.g. wom?n will find results for both women and woman and use an asterisk (\*) 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 **City and town life - Rome, Egypt – Social life and customs, Iraq – Social life and customs.** 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 specific features of Roman Society you could search JSTOR, limiting the search to articles with full text, using the phrase such as **social customs rome** 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.	<a href="http://cyberschool.library.uq.edu.au/index.shtml">http://cyberschool.library.uq.edu.au/index.shtml</a>
A range of Internet Search Tools will help you to locate required information	<a href="http://www.library.uq.edu.au/how-to-guides/internet-web-searching">http://www.library.uq.edu.au/how-to-guides/internet-web-searching</a>

## Other resources

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

<b>Quick Reference Collection</b> An online reference collection providing quick links to Government sites, statistics, biographies, facts, figures, definitions and dates	<a href="http://www.library.uq.edu.au/quickref/index.html">http://www.library.uq.edu.au/quickref/index.html</a>
<b>News How to Guide</b> Media releases, the latest news and some freely available archive material.	<a href="http://www.library.uq.edu.au/how-to-guides/news-and-newspapers">http://www.library.uq.edu.au/how-to-guides/news-and-newspapers</a>
<b>UQ Library Subject Guides</b> 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.	<a href="http://www.library.uq.edu.au/findit/index.html">http://www.library.uq.edu.au/findit/index.html</a>

