

UQL Cyberschool Subject Guide: Pharaonic Power in Egypt

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

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
A biographical dictionary of ancient Egypt	SS&H	DT76 .D38 1992
The Oxford encyclopedia of ancient Egypt	SS&H Ref	DT58 .O94 2001
The Cambridge ancient history	SS&H	D57.C25 1970
The encyclopedia of ancient Egyptian architecture	SS&H	NA215 .A75 2003
British Museum dictionary of ancient Egypt	SS&H	DT58 .S55 1995
The encyclopedia of the Egyptian Pharaohs	SS&H 3 day	DT58 .B35 2008

Books

Books are a good starting point. Use the Keyword search option in the Library catalogue. You can search on words like **religion in Ancient Egypt** or **Ancient Egyptian pharaohs** or the name of the pharaoh you are researching e.g. **Akhenaten**

(Tips: use a **question mark (?)** in a word to expand your search e.g. Akhenat*n will find results for both Akhenaten and Akhenaton and use an **asterisk (*)** at the end of a word to expand your search e.g. **archaeol*** will find archaeology, archaeological and **class*** will find results for class, classes, classic and classical.)

Try the subject search for subjects such as **Egypt – Kings and Rulers** or **Egypt – Civilisation – To 332 BC** or **Egypt – Religion** or **Akhenaton, King of Egypt** or **Tell el-Amarna (Egypt) -- Religion**. 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. e.g. **DT**

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, you could search JSTOR, limiting the search to articles with full text, using the phrases such as **religion in Ancient Egypt** or **beliefs of Akhenaten**, or relevant words in a "keyword" search. e.g. **Ma'at**, **Amarna** etc.

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 websites for use in your assignments. It is searchable by keyword and by your school subject e.g. Ancient History (under Social Sciences heading)	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/resources/quick-reference
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/subject-guides/history-ancient

