

UQL Cyberschool Subject Guide: Local History

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
Gallipoli: an Australian encyclopedia of the 1915 Dardanelles Campaign	SSAH	D568.3 .A79 2005
Sacred places: war memorials in the Australian landscape	SSAH	D680.A8 I53 1998
Australian film: a bibliography / Brian Reis.	SSAH Ref	Z5784.M9 R45 1997
Australian film 1900-1977 : a guide to feature film production	SSAH	PN1993.5.A8 P54 1998
The Oxford companion to Australian film	SSAH High Use	PN1993.5.A8 O95 1999

Books

Books are a good starting point. Use the **Keyword** search option in the Library catalogue. You can search on words like **ANZAC legacy** or **national identity** or **war memorials**.

(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. class* will find results for class, classes, classic and classical.)

Try the subject search for subjects such as **Anzac Day – History, World War, 1914-1918 -- Campaigns -- Turkey – Gallipoli, Anzac Day, World War, 1914-1918 -- Participation, Australian -- Anniversaries, Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, War memorials – Australia, Motion pictures, Australian**. You can also browse the catalogue using subject keywords to find **SUBJECT HEADINGS**, or browse the shelves at the **CALL NUMBERS** indicated e.g. **D, PN**

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 above to use as initial search terms. For example, to find information you could search **JSTOR** using phrases such as **history of Brisbane** or **Anzac Day** or **Australian wartime films** or **Anzac legacy**.

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. Modern 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

