Finding Books

You can find books in UTMOST (or the OhioLINK Central Catalog). For assistance use the UTMOST Library Guide. In looking for books in world history you can often identify specific authors and titles from a bibliography to search. When searching by Library of Congress subject heading you need to be aware that the exact headings often indicate very specific periods or events, for example: France – History – Revolution 1789-1799. Here are some headings frequently encountered; check the Library of Congress Subject Headings book for more.

- History, Ancient
- Middle Ages – History
- History, Modern
- Asia – History
- Reformation
- Great Britain – History
- Social History
- Civilization – History
- World War 1914-1918

You can also browse the shelves for books with Library of Congress call numbers in the C’s (history related fields like biography), the D’s (non-American history), the E’s (American History) or the F’s (local history). For assistance use the Library of Congress Call Numbers guide.

Finding Articles

Historical Abstracts OhioLINK Research Database
For articles in history journals covering areas other than the United States during the period 1450 to the present this is the preferred database. It also covers prehistory. See the Common Research Databases library guide for assistance.

Arts and Humanities Citation Index. (1980-) OhioLINK Research Database
Designed primarily to locate articles citing a source article, it can also be searched keywords in the title. As it covers many journals not explicitly in the field of history, this can be a place to widen a search. Use the guide to ISI Citation Indexes for assistance.

L’Annee philologique. Reference Arts & Humanities Indexes Z 7016 .M 35a
This printed bibliography is the only comprehensive source for ancient Greek and Roman history, Greco-Roman Asia Minor, and late antiquity / early middle ages. Volumes for 1996 to 1999 are available on the Internet through the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique at: http://callimac.vjf.cnrs.fr:8080/AnPhilNet/AnPhilNetUS.html

Academic Search Premier OhioLINK Research Database
Index, abstracts, and full text for many scholarly publications covering all academic areas of study. Includes or has links to full text.

International Medieval Bibliography. General collection PN 665 .163
Covers the period 450 to 1500 and the geographical area of Europe and the Muslim Near East.

Background Information in General Encyclopedias of World History

Although it was written almost 30 years ago the American Historical Association still calls this the best one volume reference.


A standard one volume compilation.
Background Information covering specific Events, Periods, or Regions

Civilizations of the Ancient Near East

Oxford Classical Dictionary
Reference DE 5 .O9 1996

Civilization of the Ancient Mediterranean: Greece and Rome

Encyclopedia of the Early Church

Dictionary of the Middle Ages

Encyclopedia of the Renaissance

Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation

Great Soviet Encyclopedia (General encyclopedia produced in USSR)

Modern Encyclopedia of Russian and Soviet History
Reference GS 23 .M6 1968-1983

Encyclopedia of Asian History

Encyclopedia of Africa South of the Sahara

Encyclopaedia Islam [note –ae- spelling]

Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World

Encyclopaedia Judaica [note –ae- spelling]

Kodansha Encyclopedia of Japan

Facts on File Encyclopedia of the Twentieth Century
Reference D 419 .F33 1991

Marshall Cavendish Encyclopedia of World War I

Chronologies

H. E. L. Mellersh, Chronology of World History
Very comprehensive and very recent, but focused mostly on the western world.

Bernard Grun, Timetables of History
Includes events in literature, religion, philosophy, arts, etc. as well as political and military history.

E.J. Bickerman, Chronology of the Ancient World
The standard work for ancient history.

Guides to the Literature

American Historical Association’s Guide to Historical Literature
Although sponsored by the American Historical Association, this bibliography is a guide to all fields of history.

Historical Atlases

Times Atlas of World History ed. Geoffrey Barraclough

Atlas of World History (Rand McNally Corp.)

Internet Resources

University of Kansas Virtual Library in History
Both comprehensive and discriminating!

Internet History Sourcebooks Project
http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/

Internet Public Library History
http://www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/hum30.01.00/

Classics & Mediterranean Archaeology
http://rome.classics.lsa.umich.edu/welcome.html

ORB The Online Reference Book for Medieval Studies
http://orb.rhodes.edu/