



World History

Library Resource Guide

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
Asia – History
Social History

Middle Ages – History
Reformation
Civilization – History

History, Modern
Great Britain – 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 .I63

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

William L. Langer, ed. *Encyclopedia of World History*

Reference D 22 .L27 1972.

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

Bruce Wettereau, *World History: A Dictionary of Important People, Places, and Events from Ancient Times to the Present*

Reference D 9 .W47 1993.

Gordon Carruth, *Encyclopedia of World Facts and Dates*
A standard one volume compilation.

Reference D 11 .C37 1993.

Background Information covering specific Events, Periods, or Regions

<i>Civilizations of the Ancient Near East</i>	Reference DS 57 .C55 1995 4 vols.
<i>Oxford Classical Dictionary</i>	Reference DE 5 .O9 1996
<i>Civilization of the Ancient Mediterranean: Greece and Rome</i>	Reference DE 59 .C55 1988 3 vols.
<i>Encyclopedia of the Early Church</i>	Reference BR 66.5 .D5813 1992 2 vols.
<i>Dictionary of the Middle Ages</i>	Reference D 114 .D5 1982 12 vols.
<i>Encyclopedia of the Renaissance</i>	Reference CB 361 .E52 1999 6 vols.
<i>Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation</i>	Reference BR 302.8 .O93 1996 4 vols.
<i>Great Soviet Encyclopedia</i> (General encyclopedia produced in USSR)	Reference AE 5 .B58 31 vols.
<i>Modern Encyclopedia of Russian and Soviet History</i>	Reference DK 16 .M6 60 vols. 1976-
<i>Encyclopedia of Asian History</i>	Reference DS 31 .E53 1988 4 vols.
<i>Encyclopedia of Africa South of the Sahara</i>	Reference DT 351 .E53 1997 4 vols.
<i>Encyclopaedia of Islam</i> [note -ae- spelling]	Reference DS 37 .E523 9 vols. to date.
<i>Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World</i>	Reference DS 35.53 .O95 1995 4 vols.
<i>Encyclopaedia Judaica</i> [note -ae- spelling]	Reference DS 102.8 .E496 16 vols.
<i>Kodansha Encyclopedia of Japan</i>	Reference DS 805 .K633 1988 9 vols.
<i>Facts on File Encyclopedia of the Twentieth Century</i>	Reference D 419 .F33 1991.
<i>Marshall Cavendish Encyclopedia of World War I</i>	Reference D 522.5 .M39 1984 12 vols.

Chronologies

H. E. L. Mellersh, <i>Chronology of World History</i>	Reference D 11 .M39 1999 4 vols.
Very comprehensive and very recent, but focused mostly on the western world.	
Bernard Grun, <i>Timetables of History</i>	Reference D 11 .G71 1991
Includes events in literature, religion, philosophy, arts, etc. as well as political and military history.	
E.J. Bickerman, <i>Chronology of the Ancient World</i>	Reference D 54.5 .B5 1980.
The standard work for ancient history.	

Guides to the Literature

<i>American Historical Association's Guide to Historical Literature</i>	Reference Z 6201 .A55 2 vols.
Although sponsored by the American Historical Association, this bibliography is a guide to all fields of history.	

Historical Atlases

<i>Times Atlas of World History</i> ed. Geoffrey Barraclough	Oversized G 1030 .T54 1993.
<i>Atlas of World History</i> (Rand McNally Corp.)	Oversized G 1030 .R36 1995.

Internet Resources

<i>University of Kansas Virtual Library in History</i>	http://www.ukans.edu/history/VL/
Both comprehensive and discriminating!	
<i>Internet History Sourcebooks Project</i>	http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/
<i>Internet Public Library History</i>	http://www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/hum30.01.00/
<i>Classics & Mediterranean Archaeology</i>	http://rome.classics.lsa.umich.edu/welcome.html
<i>ORB The Online Reference Book for Medieval Studies</i>	http://orb.rhodes.edu/

