Context / Background Information

**Oxford Reference Online**  Entries in many encyclopedias published by Oxford Univ. Press; authoritative alternative to Wikipedia

**Cultural sociology of the Middle East, Asia, & Africa: an encyclopedia** / SAGE Publications, 2012

**Encyclopedia of the modern Middle East & North Africa** / Macmillan Reference USA, 2004
Main Reference  DS43 .E53 2004  (4 vols.)  LIBRARY USE ONLY

**Encyclopedia of world trade: from ancient times to the present** / Routledge, 2015

**Encyclopedia of precolonial Africa: archaeology, history, languages, cultures, and environments** / AltaMira Press, c1997
Main Reference  DT2 .E53 1997  LIBRARY USE ONLY

Databases for Scholarly Articles

**Academic Search Complete**  large database with a broad range of articles on all areas of study

**Anthropology Plus**  scholarly articles in anthropology and related fields

**Historical Abstracts**  index to articles in world history journals

**Index Islamicus**  Includes scholarship from various disciplines written about the Middle East, Muslim areas of Asia and Africa, and Muslim populations across the globe

**Middle Eastern & Central Asian Studies**  research, policy, and scholarly publications on the countries and peoples of the Middle East, Central Asia, and North Africa. Subject coverage includes political and economic affairs, law, international relations, business, the arts, society, anthropology, religion, and history

**Worldwide Political Science Abstracts**  articles in politics journals

Research Tools Everyone Should Know About (please ask!)

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**Primary Source Materials**

*ArtStor* – large collection of art images with global coverage from prehistory to the present

*eHRAF* – Human Relations Area Files (ethnographic source material)

*ProQuest Congressional*

*Polling the Nations* Public opinion polls from all over the world on a variety of subjects

*National Security Archive* George Washington University site, scans of declassified US government docs 1985-present

*Digital National Security Archive* (DNSA) Declassified US government documents. Especially strong in coverage of Egypt in the 1970s, mainly via the Kissinger Telephone transcripts (US diplomat, Secretary of State under Nixon and Ford)

**News & Newspaper Sources**

*FBIS Reports* (1941-1996) Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) was a federal agency under the CIA that monitored and translated foreign media into English for the purposes of US Intelligence. FBIS Daily Reports include radio and television broadcasts, news transmissions, newspapers, periodicals, speeches, public notices and government statements

*World News Connection* (1995-2013) Translated global news sources

*Factiva* thousands of news feeds from all over the world, focusing on current news, 1980s-2015

**Egyptian Gazette**

*Full text available* from Center for Research Libraries 1952-1967

*Full text available in Factiva 2001-2013*

*Egyptian Mail*, Saturday ed. of Egyptian Gazette

*Full text available* from Center for Research Libraries 1952-1967

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