Resources for FYSP 065: Cleopatra in History and the Imagination
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REFERENCE SOURCES FOR RESEARCHING ANCIENT EGYPT


RECOMMENDED HISTORIES OF THE PTOLEMAIC PERIOD


REFERENCE SOURCES FOR RESEARCHING SOCIAL CONTEXTS OF LATER TREATMENTS OF CLEOPATRA

William Shakespeare’s play *Antony and Cleopatra,* c. 1607


George Bernard Shaw’s play *Caesar and Cleopatra,* 1898

*The 1890s: An Encyclopedia of British Literature, Art, and Culture.* Main Library DA560.A18 1993


J. Gordon Edwards/Theda Bara film *Cleopatra,* 1917


Cecil B. DeMille/Claudette Colbert film *Cleopatra,* 1934


Joseph L. Mankiewicz/Elizabeth Taylor film *Cleopatra,* 1963


HBO’s TV series *Rome,* 2005-07


WHAT ABOUT WIKIPEDIA? “the free encyclopedia that anyone can edit”

Articles may help you refine ideas, and the notes and references may help you find additional sources, but keep in mind that the “crowd-sourced” nature of Wikipedia means that while the information may be immensely useful, it’s not necessarily scholarly, authoritative, or the type of source to include in a bibliography for an academic paper. See these pages for relevant entries:
FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

OBIS is the Oberlin College Library’s online catalog; it lists most library materials. Online requesting/borrowing is available through the OhioLINK Library Catalog, which combines the holdings of 120 libraries at Ohio colleges and universities, and through SearchOhio, which does the same for 28 Ohio public library systems. All three catalogs are searchable by Author or Title for a specific author or work, or by Subject Heading or Keyword for works about a topic, person, place, etc.

Historical figures can be searched as a SUBJECT:

Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt, -30 B.C.

For subject Heading searches — selected useful Library of Congress Subject Headings:
- Egypt, Ancient
- Egypt – Antiquities
- Egypt – Civilization – 332 B.C.-638 A.D.
- Egypt – History – 332-30 B.C.
- Egypt – History – Greco-Roman period, 332 B.C.-640 A.D.
- Egypt – History – To 640 A.D.
- Egyptology
- Ptolemaic dynasty, 305-30 B.C
- ...and don’t forget to search for individuals, e.g.:
  - DeMille, Cecil B. (Cecil Blount), 1881-1959
  - Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616. Antony and Cleopatra

Exercise for searching OBIS for books relevant to your topic
2. In the OBIS tab, change the drop-down search option to Subject; search: Cleopatra
3. Choose the one with the subheading -- In motion pictures
4. Select Return to List; select Limit/Sort Search; for Material Type choose Video/DVD
5. Do another subject search, this time for shakespeare william

Use KEYWORD and ADVANCED searches to find book chapters/articles, and works on multiple topics:
example: cleopatra and theater

USING DATABASES TO FIND ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY, ACADEMIC JOURNALS

Connect from Databases tab on the Library home page search box, or use the Quick Links drop-down menu

Multidisciplinary Cultural studies
Multidisciplinary Academic Search Complete
Classical studies L’Annee Philologique
Classical studies TOCS-IN, Tables of Contents of Journals of Interest to Classicists
Gender, Sexuality Gender Studies Database
Gender, Sexuality Women’s Studies International
History Historical Abstracts
History Popular culture Communication & Mass Media Complete
Popular culture Film & Television Literature Index
Popular culture Popular magazines MasterFILE Premier
Popular magazines Readers’ Guide Abstracts

To determine if the library has a particular journal, Use “360 Link to Full Text” or “Find It!” when available in research databases, or select the Journal Finder tab on Library home page or from the Quick Links pull-down menu
Exercise for searching Academic Search Complete for scholarly journal articles relevant to your topic
2. Choose the Databases tab; under the “by subject” drop-down search option, choose Any Subject
3. Find and select Academic Search Complete
4. In box 1 enter search terms for the first concept and click Search
5. In box 2 enter search terms for the second concept, each connected by “or,” and click Search
6. Refine results by choosing “Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals”
7. Refine results by choosing 1963-1965 for “Publication Date”

SUMMON — first tab on library home page search box
• searches across the spectrum of library content: books, scholarly articles, newspapers, audio, video, images, data, government documents, and more; searches most, but not all, library resources
• draws from OBIS, full text and article indexing databases, and digital repositories from colleges, universities, research centers, and other open-access archives
• comprehensive or complex searches should be done in subject-specific databases
• OBIS and OhioLINK are generally better for finding books
• if links don’t lead to full text, be persistent or ask for help; we sometimes do have access

Exercise for searching with Summon for additional articles relevant to your topic
2. Choose the Summon tab; in the Search box, type: cleopatra demille
3. Refine your search with the option “Limit to articles from peer-reviewed publications”

CITING YOUR SOURCES
Turabian Quick Guide. Maintained by University of Chicago Press (Turabian’s publisher).
http://www.press.uchicago.edu/books/turabian/turabian_citationguide.html
Main Reference LB2369 .T8 2013

HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN
To determine if the library has a particular journal, Use “360 Link to Full Text” or “Find It!” when available in research databases, or select the Journal Finder tab on Library home page or from the Quick Links pull-down menu

OhioLINK/SearchOhio
• how it works: over 300 Ohio libraries lend materials (primarily books) to each other
  ☞ does not include delivery of journal articles – see section below on ILL
• to request: do-it-yourself online searching and requesting
• Barcode is the number on the back of your OCID
• how long it takes: allow 3-4 business days
• loan period: 3 weeks + up to 6 three-week renewals if item has not been requested by someone else

Interlibrary Loan (ILL or ILLiad)
• use for: articles in journals not available at Oberlin, books not available from OhioLINK
• how it works: libraries lend materials to each other; for journal articles they may send scanned pdfs
• to request: select “ILLiad/Interlibrary Loan” from the Quick Links menu on the Library’s home page;
  set up an account; enter and track ILL requests online
• how long it takes: allow 1-2 weeks; many articles arrive much more quickly
• loan period: journal articles are yours to keep; loan period for books varies

HOW TO GET RESEARCH HELP AT THE LIBRARY

Librarians are available to assist with your research projects:
✓ Help focus and define research topics
✓ Find information for papers and projects
✓ Locate books, journal articles, and other library materials
✓ Develop effective search strategies for online databases
✓ Identify useful web sites and internet resources
✓ Evaluate the quality of web sites and other information sources
✓ Track down facts and statistical data
✓ Learn how to use the library and its resources

Drop-in help at the Research Desk. Just stop by and tell us what you need
Monday–Thursday: 10am–noon, 1–5pm, & 7pm–midnight
Friday: 10am–noon & 1–5pm
Weekend: Sat.: 2–4 pm, Sunday: 1–5pm & 7 pm–midnight

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Phone. 440-775-5031 – hours same as above

Email. reference@oberlin.edu – any time

Research appointment. Sign up online from the library home page

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