



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

- Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt*. 3rd ed. New York: Facts On File, 2012. e-book
- Handbook to Life in Ancient Egypt*. Rev. ed. New York: Facts On File, 2003. Art Library DT83 .D23 2003
- The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.  
e-book, Main Reference DT58 .O94 2001 (3 vols.)
- Encyclopedia of Women in the Ancient World*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, c2001.  
e-book, Main Library HQ1127 .S25 2001

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**RECOMMENDED HISTORIES OF THE PTOLEMAIC PERIOD**

- The Last Pharaohs: Egypt Under the Ptolemies, 305-30 BC*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010.  
e-book, connect from OBIS, Main Library DT92 .M36 2010
- Egypt in the Age of Cleopatra: History and Society under the Ptolemies*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2000. Main Library DT61 .C4613 2000
- History of the Ptolemaic Empire*. London: Routledge, 2001. Main Library DT92 .H6513 2001

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**REFERENCE SOURCES FOR RESEARCHING SOCIAL CONTEXTS OF LATER TREATMENTS OF CLEOPATRA**

- William Shakespeare's play *Antony and Cleopatra*, c. 1607  
*All Things Shakespeare: An Encyclopedia of Shakespeare's World*. Main Reference PR2892 .O56 2002  
*Shakespeare's World and Work: An Encyclopedia for Students*. Main Reference PR2892 .S56 2001
- George Bernard Shaw's play *Caesar and Cleopatra*, 1898  
*The 1890s: An Encyclopedia of British Literature, Art, and Culture*. Main Library DA560.A18 1993  
*Encyclopedia of the Victorian Era*. Main Reference DA550 .E527 2004
- J. Gordon Edwards/Theda Bara film *Cleopatra*, 1917  
*American Decades*, vol. 2: 1910-1919. e-book, Main Reference E169.12 .A419 1994  
*The United States in the First World War: An Encyclopedia*. Main Reference D510 .U65 1995
- Cecil B. DeMille/Claudette Colbert film *Cleopatra*, 1934  
*The Thirties in America*. e-book, Main Reference E169.1 .T475 2011  
*American Decades*, vol. 4: 1930-1939. e-book, Main Reference E169.12 .A419 1994
- Joseph L. Mankiewicz/Elizabeth Taylor film *Cleopatra*, 1963  
*The Sixties in America*. e-book, Main Reference E841 .S55 1999  
*American Decades*, vol. 7: 1960-1969. e-book, Main Reference E169.12 .A419 1994
- HBO's TV series *Rome*, 2005-07  
*The 2000s in America*. e-book, Main Reference E169.12 .A178 2013  
*American Decades*, vol. 11: 2000-2009. e-book, Main Reference E169.12 .A419 1994

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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:

Cleopatra (disambiguation)  
Category: Cleopatra  
Category: Cultural depictions of Cleopatra

Category: Depictions of Cleopatra VII on film  
Category: Films based on Antony and Cleopatra

#### FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

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**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	Egyptology
Egypt – Antiquities	Ptolemaic dynasty, 305-30 B.C
Egypt – Civilization – 332 B.C.-638 A.D.	
Egypt – History – 332-30 B.C.	<i>...and don't forget to search for individuals, e.g.:</i>
Egypt – History – Greco-Roman period, 332 B.C.-640 A.D.	DeMille, Cecil B. (Cecil Blount), 1881-1959
Egypt – History – To 640 A.D.	Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616. Antony and Cleopatra

#### **Exercise for searching OBIS for books relevant to your topic**

1. Start at library home page, <http://www.oberlin.edu/library>
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

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

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

 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**

1. Start at library home page, <http://www.oberlin.edu/library>
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**

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- 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**

1. Start at library home page, <http://www.oberlin.edu/library>
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**


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*Turabian Quick Guide*. Maintained by University of Chicago Press (Turabian’s publisher).  
[http://www.press.uchicago.edu/books/turabian/turabian\\_citationguide.html](http://www.press.uchicago.edu/books/turabian/turabian_citationguide.html)


*A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations: Chicago Style for Students and Researchers*. [known as “Turabian”] 8th ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2013.  
Main Reference LB2369 .T8 2013

**HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN**

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 *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

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***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*

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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

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***Research appointment.*** Sign up online from the library home page