ATS1247
Introduction to library resources

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Objectives

- Library Search
- Search tips
- Databases
- Evaluating sources
Accessing Resources

Monash University Library

Library homepage
- Reading lists
- Databases
- Library guides
- Research & Learning Online

Monash University Library opening hours — Mon, 24 Feb

- Caulfield: 8am - 6pm
- Hargrave: 8am - 6pm
- Law: 8am - 9pm
- Matheson: 8am - 6pm
- Peninsula: 9am - 5pm
- Pharmacy: 9am - 5pm
Useful Links for Students

Monash University Library

Library services for all Monash students

You can access our range of resources and services in a variety of ways – online, in person at our libraries and through Research and Learning skills activities provided by our staff through the academic program.

The Library’s online resources are offered through this website, through Moodle and the Library tile on my.monash.

They include:
- **Library guides** – These guides are a starting point for researching your subject area.
- **Research and Learning Online** – These online tutorials are designed to build your academic skills and performance.
- **Quick study guides** - Tips to help you settle in to university, deal with examinations, tackle assignments, and for many other situations.
- **Reading lists** - Your unit’s reading list has been prepared in conjunction with your lecturer and will provide links to articles you need to read.
- **Databases** - Access specialist information through our Databases guide
- **Electronic books and journals** - access them through Search.

At our libraries on each campus you can:
- use a computer or your laptop - if needed, visit PC Finder online
- borrow books using your Monash ID card – see About borrowing
- print or photocopy - see Printing, copying and scanning
- book a discussion room - for use with your project group, where available
- attend a library class or activity - see Programs and drop-ins
- get advice from a librarian or learning skills adviser at a drop-in session on how to tackle an assignment, find the information you need or improve your academic communication and study skills.

Read our Research and learning skills brochure to find out more.
http://guides.lib.monash.edu/archaeology
Library Search – primarily for books, ebooks

Example topic search: Farming practice in Ancient Egypt
Activity 1

Use Search to find one of the following on crops or food sources in Ancient Egypt
- Book, Book chapter, Journal article
- Tip: try using Advanced Search

Leutemann, H. (1866) Ancient Egypt: farming and hunting, (coloured engraving)
Herbert M. (1885-1950) Farmers sow seeds in fields near the pyramids of Giza (coloured lithograph)
Images courtesy of Bridgeman Education database
Developing a Search Strategy

What do the elite burials in the Royal Cemetery at Ur tell us about Sumerian attitudes toward life and death?
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Search Tips (Boolean Searching)

AND

“Elite burial” \[ \cap \] Ur
Search Tips

OR

grave

tomb
Search Tips

Phrase – use quotations:

“Royal tomb”
“Elite burial”

Truncation symbol *:

can also be $

archaeol*
archaeology,
archaeologist
archaeological,
Databases

Jstor, ProQuest, Academic OneFile
Activity 1

- What do the elite burials in the Royal Cemetery at Ur tell us about Sumerian attitudes toward life and death?
  - Using one of the following databases, find a recent journal article or book chapter and report back on how you selected it.

Databases
- Proquest
- JSTOR
- Academic OneFile
- Google Scholar
Evaluating Information

- Abstract
- Publication source
- 5+ pages in length
- Who wrote it?
- Lots of references
Group Activity: Evaluating resources

Peer reviewed journals articles Vs newspaper articles/websites

- Hand around selection of articles

- Who is the author – where are they based, what institute?

- How can you tell if it is a reliable source/peer reviewed?

- How would you use it when researching your essay?
For help …

- Drop-ins at the Research and Learning point at ALL libraries
- Moodle library lesson
- RLO – Research and Learning Online
- Archaeology Library Guide