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Research Methods in Cultural Heritage

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Syria, Rueiha, Dead Cities, Northwest Syria, Roman Empire to Unesco World Heritage Site, Historical photography (before Civil War Syria). Image courtesy of Bridgeman Education database.
Outline

Using Search? Advanced Search
Different types of databases
Approximation searching
Google - Advanced
Useful Links for Researchers

Monash University Library

Library services for researchers

The Library is your partner in research, contributing a range of services, resources and programs to strengthen effective discovery, use and management of information.

The Research Lifecycle tool can help connect you with the tools, information and advice for each stage of your research, or you can browse our key services below.

Accessing information and data

- Locate and access the Library's extensive print and online resources with Search. See our guides for advice on searching, and specialist databases.
- Borrow unlimited items for an initial 4 weeks. See full borrowing entitlements.
- Use the Document Delivery service to request material not available at Monash University.

Researchers

Find the latest resources to advance your research. Manage data. Publish your work. Cite and be cited.

Find out more
Library Search – primarily for books, ebooks

Simple

Advanced

Enter keywords, title, author, etc.

Any field contains "conflict archaeology"

AND Any field contains Egypt

AND Any field contains Unesco

Material Type
All items

Language
Any language

Start Date:

Day Month Year

End Date:

Day Month Year
Analyse results for journal titles, keywords, references etc.

Dissertations can also be useful sources

International Journal of Cultural Property
Databases

Archival Databases: Jstor, Academic OneFile, Bibliographical Database: OEB Online Egyptological Bibliography
General Databases: Proquest, Informit
Citation Databases: Web of Science, Google Scholar
How to Search

Too many results?

• Use proximity operators
• narrow by subject/topic
• check where you’re searching (abstract/keywords/subject heading/title not full text)
• strip out irrelevant results using NOT (NOT republic)

Too few results?

• Add synonyms using OR
• Find one good result then look at the subject headings for terminology
• citation searching (web of science, google scholar) and footnotes
- Proximity searching.
  - NEAR 10 / NEAR 5
International Conventions for Cultural Heritage or Property

Unesco Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage

Library guides

https://guides.lib.monash.edu

For researchers

- Altmetrics
- Document Delivery
- EndNote
- Grey Literature
- Research metrics and publishing
- **Researching for your literature review**
- Systematic Review
- Text and data mining at Monash University
- Theses

Art, Design and Architecture

- Arts
  - Anthropology
  - Archaeology and ancient history
  - Asian Collections
  - Bioethics
  - Chinese Studies
  - Criminology
  - Environment and sustainability
Grey literature

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Grey Literature: Home

University of Adelaide: Grey literature searching
http://guides.library.unisa.edu.au/GreyLiterature/SearchEngines
Library Guide

http://guides.lib.monash.edu/archaeology

Archaeology and ancient history: Home

Welcome

Images taken from the Braggman Education database, including Egyptian, Greek and Babylonian artifacts and architectural sites.

Introduction

Welcome to the Archaeology and Ancient History library guide. Archaeology and Classics are part of the Centre for Ancient Cultures at Monash. You will find information and links to resources and library services relevant to studying in this field at an undergraduate and postgraduate level.

The Monash University Library has substantial collections to support this subject area. There is overlap with Indigenous Studies, History and Anthropology. For more information on archaeology and classics taught at Monash, visit the Centre’s website.

Library drop ins

Quick Links
Searching reliable websites/ Grey literature

Using Google - Settings
• Advanced Search
• Limit by domain (.edu; .gov.; .org)
• Or search one site (unesco.org)

Using Google Scholar
• Advanced Search
What do recent archaeological findings tell us about early life in Melbourne?

The library has a range of services and resources across the research lifecycle:

- Data management
- Literature reviews
- Citation management
- Text and data mining
- Writing about your research
- Publishing
- Journal and article metrics
- Researcher profiles
  …and much more.

https://www.monash.edu/library/researchers/research-lifecycle