

Discovering Ancient Egypt

This guide is designed for Junior and Senior High School students who have been assigned to do a report about ancient Egypt.

By clicking on the links, you can find web sites that search for ancient Egypt.

If you have any trouble locating items, or if you can't find what you need, ask a Librarian. We'd be happy to help you!

PART ONE: BOOK SEARCH

Use the library's online public access catalog to search for books on your subject.

To find information about ancient Egypt:

- Click on "Catalog" from the LAPL home page www.lapl.org
- Then click on "Search the Catalog"
- Do a SUBJECT BROWSE Try these subject searches:
 - Egypt Antiquities
 - Egypt Social life and customs To 332 B.C.
 - Egypt History To 332 B.C.
 - Egypt Civilization
 - Pharaohs Biography
 - Pyramids Egypt
- On the list of subjects, just click on the one that best describes your search. For example, if you typed in the subject search "Egypt Antiquities" you would notice that the library has over 300 books about "Egypt Antiquities". If you didn't want to look through all 300 books, you could narrow your search by looking down the list of subject headings. For instance, if you wanted only a guidebook to archeological sites in Egypt, select the subject heading Egypt Antiquities Guidebooks and look through the six books listed under that subject.

PART TWO: DATABASE SEARCH

Use the databases link on the LAPL home page to find databases that search for information. Or you could try these links on this page.

Biography Resource Center

Comprehensive database of biographical information on more than 275,000 individuals from many sources. Includes the complete Marquis Who's Who.

SIRS Researcher - Social, Economic, Political

Contains the complete text of articles and graphics from more than 1,200 domestic and international publications. Provides current and historical information on social issues, the sciences, and global events.

Humanities Abstracts Full Text

Includes more than 450 journals covering theology, religion, performing arts, literary and political criticism, language and literature, philosophy, reviews, etc. Index 1984-present.

Discovering Collection

Comprehensive coverage of core curriculum in Literature, History, Biography, Science, and Social Studies, geared to the younger student. Includes Discovering Authors.

What is a database? A database is a collection of data arranged for ease and speed of search and retrieval. Most databases charge for their service. The Los Angeles Public Library pays for them so you can use them. Great, huh? The databases featured in this pathfinder will require you to type in your library card number, so be sure to have it handy.

When you click on the link to go to the database, a browser window will open up. Even though it appears that you are going to the Internet, you cannot access the database merely by typing in the URL. You must go through our web site first.

When you get into the database, you will want to search for and retrieve the information. It is really easy to do that in most databases. A large text box is evident top and center. Just type the name of the person, place, or thing you're searching for right into the text box and hit enter. A list of topics will appear. Just find the topic that corresponds to the person, place, or thing you are looking for.

Be sure to watch your spelling. Egyptian names and places can be pretty tricky.

Just find a few articles about your subject in each database. You don't want to spend too much time looking at the articles. Most likely, all the articles in one database will give you the same information with only minor variations.

PART THREE: INTERNET SEARCH

Use web links from the LAPL home page to find web sites that search for information. Or you could try these links on this page.

General Websites about ancient Egypt

The websites in this category offer a general background on ancient Egypt. Some of them are very detailed too. You could spend hours exploring these websites.

[Akhet Egyptology](#)

[The Ancient Egypt Site](#)

[Digital Egypt at University College in London](#)

[The BBC's Egyptian history page](#)

[The University of Memphis Institute of Egyptian Art and Archaeology](#)

Museum Web Sites

Museums all over the world have incredible collections of Egyptian artifacts.

Their websites offer detailed looks at their collections and explanations of the history and culture of ancient Egypt. These are great websites to begin with.

[The Art of Ancient Egypt at the Metropolitan Museum of Art](#)

[The British Museum](#)

[The Art Institute of Chicago](#)

[Royal Ontario Museum](#)

[The Ancient Egyptian Culture Exhibit at Minnesota State University](#)

[Life in Ancient Egypt at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History](#)

Pyramids

The single most recognizable symbol of Egypt is the pyramid. Look at these websites for information on the design, construction and discovery of the pyramids.

[Nova online adventure: Pyramids](#)

[Learn about the great pyramids of Egypt at KingTutOne](#)

Archeology

If it weren't for the tireless work of archeologists, we wouldn't know anything about ancient Egypt. Learn about the various discoveries throughout history.

[Explore the ancient town of Kahun](#)

[Learn all about mummies from KingTutOne](#)

[Egypt Voyager.com's Destinations in Egypt](#)

[Mysteries of the Nile](#)

[The Temple of Luxor](#)

[Cybermummy](#)

[The Egyptians even mummified animals!](#)

[At the tomb of Tutankhamen](#)

[History of the Conservation of the Sphinx](#)

[Theban Mapping Project, look inside the tombs in the Valley of the Kings](#)

[Egyptian Boats](#)

Rulers and Kings

The Pharaohs of ancient Egypt ruled their land and were revered like gods. Learn about individual rulers from these websites.

[Egypt's most beautiful queen, Nefertiti](#)

[Learn more about the queens of Egypt](#)

[Pharaohs of ancient Egypt](#)

[The Boy King, Tutankamun](#)

Hieroglyphs

A fascinating method of writing, hieroglyphs uses pictures to communicate. Use these websites to learn how to read and write like an Egyptian.

[The famous Rosetta Stone](#)

[Learn how to read and write, Egyptian style](#)

Religion

The Egyptian gods were depicted as having the heads of animals. Learn more at these websites.

[Egyptian gods and goddesses](#)

[Egyptian priests](#)

Daily Life

How did the ancient Egyptians live? What did they do for amusement? How did they work? What did they eat? Explore the lives of typical Egyptians at these websites.

[Papyrus](#)

[Egyptian Cosmetics](#)

[Daily life of typical Egyptians](#)

[Egyptian craftsmen](#)

Fun and Games

These websites offer games and other fun ways to learn.

[Solve the mystery of King Tut's death](#)

[Take a journey to the Egyptian underworld](#)

[Egyptian Scavenger Hunt](#)

[Be an Egyptian barber](#)

[Play Hatshepsut's Revenge](#)

PART FOUR: FAVORITE BOOKS ON ANCIENT EGYPT AVAILABLE AT THE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Encyclopedias of Ancient Egypt

- *The Usborne Internet-linked encyclopedia of ancient Egypt* / Gill Harvey et. al. 932.03 H341
- *The Greenhaven encyclopedia of ancient Egypt* / Patricia D. Netzley. 932.03 N476

Biographies of Ancient Egyptians

- *Daughters of Isis: Women of Ancient Egypt* / Joyce Tyldesley. 301.412962 T981
- *Women in ancient Egypt* / Barbara Watterson. 301.412962 W344
- *A Biographical Dictionary of Ancient Egypt* / Rosalie and Antony E. David. 920.032 D249
- *Who's Who in Ancient Egypt* / Michael Rice. 920.032 R497
- *Cleopatra* / Rose Blue. 92 C628Bl
- *Cleopatra* / Don Nardo. 92 C628Cl
- *Cleopatra* / E.E. Rice. 92 C628Ri
- *Cleopatra* / Diane Stanley. x 92 C628St
- *Hatshepsut, his majesty, herself* / Catherine M. Andronik. x 92 H365
- *Nefertiti: Egypt's sun queen* / Joyce Tyldesley. 92 N3835Ty
- *Ramesses II* / T.G.H. James. 92 R1825Ja folio
- *Ancient Egyptians: people of the pyramids* / Rosalie F. and Charles F. Baker. 932 B168
- *King Tut: tales from the tomb* / Diana C. Briscoe. 932 B859
- *Imhotep, builder in stone* / Maribelle Cormack. x 932 C811
- *Tutankhamen: the life and death of a boy-king* / Christine El Mahdy. 932 E48-1
- *The mummy of Ramose: the life and death of an ancient Egyptian nobleman* / Shirley Glubok. x 932 G567-1

- *Hatshepsut and ancient Egypt* / Miriam Greenblatt. x 932 G799
- *Tutankhamun: the untold story* / Thomas Hoving. 932 H846
- *Women in ancient Egypt* / Fiona Macdonald. x 932 M135
- *Rulers of Ancient Egypt* / Russell Roberts. 932 R646
- *Tutankhamun: the life and death of a Pharaoh* / David Murdoch. x 932 M974

History Books with a good section about Ancient Egypt

- *How was it done? : the story of human ingenuity through the ages* / David Gould, ed. 609 H8475
- *Usborne book of world history* / Anne Millard 901 M6452
- *The Usborne Internet-linked encyclopedia of world history* / Jane Bingham, et. al. 903 B613
- *Early civilization* / Jane Chisholm, et. al. 930 C542
- *The seventy wonders of the ancient world: the great monuments and how they were built* / Chris Scarre, ed. 930 S4975

Pyramids and Mummies

- *Mummy* / James Putnam x 930 P991
- *Mummies made in Egypt* / Aliko. x 932 A411
- *The tomb robbers* / Daniel Cohen. x 932 C678
- *The pyramids of Giza* / Tim McNeese. 932 M169
- *Mysteries of the Pyramids* / Anne Millard. 932 M645
- *An Egyptian pyramid* / Jacqueline Morley. x 932 M864
- *Pyramids : opposing viewpoints* / Michael O'Neal. x 932 O58
- *Mummies, tombs, and treasure : secrets of Ancient Egypt* / Lila Perl. x 932 P451
- *Pyramid* / James Putnam. 932 P991-2
- *Pyramids of ancient Egypt* / John D. Clare, editor. 932 P9985
- *Pyramids* / Flora Simmons Clancy. 972 C587

Histories of Ancient Egypt

- *Ancient Egyptian civilization* / Brenda Stalcup. 932 A5415-2
- *Ancient Egypt* / Geraldine Harris. 932 H3131 folio
- *The ancient Egyptians* / Allison Lassieur. 932 L347
- *Ancient Egypt and the Middle East* / Robert Morkot. 932 M862
- *The atlas of ancient Egypt* / Neil Morris. 932 M877 folio
- *Egypt of the pharaohs* / by Brenda Smith. 932 S643

Everyday Life in Ancient Egypt

- *Science in Ancient Egypt* / Geraldine Woods. x 509 W894

- *The Nubians : people of the ancient Nile* / Robert Steven Bianchi. x 932 B577
- *Handbook to life in ancient Egypt* / Rosalie David. 932 D249-3
- *What do we know about the Egyptians?* / Joanna Defrates. x 932 D316
- *Ancient Egypt* / written by George Hart. 932 H325
- *The Egyptians : history, society, religion* / Renzo Rossi. 932 R833
- *A visitor's guide to ancient Egypt* / Lesley Sims. 932 S614
- *Life in ancient Egypt* / by Thomas Streissguth. 932 S915

Archeology

- *In search of Tutankhamun: the discovery of a king's tomb* / Giovanni Caselli. x 932 C337
- *The Riddle of the Rosetta Stone: key to ancient Egypt* / James Cross Giblin. x 932 G446
- *Rediscovering ancient Egypt* . 932 R3175

Religion

- *Gods & pharaohs from Egyptian mythology* / Geraldine Harris x 299 H314
- *The complete gods and goddesses of ancient Egypt* / Richard H. Wilkinson. 299.31 W687

Hieroglyphs

- *Hieroglyphs, the writing of ancient Egypt* / Norma Jean Katan. x 932 K19

Videos

- *Into the Great Pyramid* VID 932 I615
- *The mysteries of King Tut* VID 932 M9985-1
- *Mysteries of Egypt National Geographic Films and Destination Cinema* VID 932 M9985-2
- *The pyramids and the cities of the pharaohs* VID 932 P9985-1