

Searching Online for African and Mesoamerican Artifacts

World History I

African and Mesoamerican Artifacts - Resource Guide

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You are fortunate to have a world of information available literally at your fingertips.

In order to thoroughly research and educate yourself about any topic, you must read about the subject in a variety of different academic and scholarly sources. Do not “just Google it” and select whatever sites pop up at the top of the list. If you want to perform a web search, I recommend the search engine [RefSeek \(www.refseek.com\)](http://www.refseek.com), which is designed for students and produces more academic search results. However, you should supplement your research by using all available databases, e-books and print resources.

Doing research is like going on an information treasure hunt. Follow the clues by clicking on links that may lead to further information. Also, check the references included at the end of articles or books to find additional resources.

Happy Reading!! Mrs. Walkins

Britannica Online



The [Britannica online encyclopedia](#) is an excellent place to begin your research. The articles will provide a general overview of your topic, as well as links to additional resources, including images and other media files. Access our subscription to Britannica through the [Learning Commons](#) page on the SJP website.

Sample articles:

[Tassili-n-Ajjer](#) (Algerian cave paintings)

[Mesoamerican Civilization](#)

Read, Imagine Discover and Learn in the SJP Learning Commons!

Databases

You can access the **Gale Databases** on the [Learning Commons](#) website. Each database includes numerous articles from reputable scholarly journals and magazines which will provide valuable information.

World History in Context
World History Collection
Academic OneFile

Fine Arts and Music Collection
Religion and Philosophy Collection

History Websites

[Ancient History Encyclopedia](#)

[Art History: Khan Academy](#)

[Google Arts and Culture](#)

Library of Congress

- [Reading Pre-Columbian Artifacts](#)
- [Exploring the Early Americas](#)
- [The Jay I Kislak Collection](#)

[Smarthistory](#)

[Smithsonian](#)

Museum Websites

[African Archaeology.org](#)

The Cleveland Museum of Art

- [African Art](#)
- [Art of the Americas](#)

The [J. Paul Getty Museum](#) on Mesoamerica and luxury and legacy

[The Louvre](#) (search the collection)

The Metropolitan Museum of Art

- [Africa, Oceania and the Americas](#)

[Museum of Fine Arts, Boston](#)

- [Africa and Oceania](#)
- [The Ancient Americas](#)

[National Museum of African Art](#)

[Oxford Art Online](#) (scroll to the bottom for a thorough list of hyperlinks)

Evaluating your Sources

Always search for information from reliable and scholarly sources. Don't forget to evaluate the websites you consult in your search for African and Mesoamerican artifacts.

[CRAAP Test Score Card](#)

Citing Images



You must provide a citation for any images you use in slideshows or other presentations. When you are looking for images, it is best to use sites that offer creative commons licensed images like:

[Edupics.com](#)

[Encyclopedia Britannica.](#)

[Photosforclass.com](#)

Temple of Saturn. Image. *Britannica School*, Encyclopædia Britannica, 1 Nov. 2017. school.eb.com/levels/high/assembly/view/146357. Accessed 20 Nov. 2017.

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MLA Documentation Style



We use the MLA (Modern Language Association) documentation style at SJP. In a handbook the scholars at the MLA spell out certain formatting and citation rules you must follow on all research projects.

Purdue University's [Online Writing Lab](#) website is a great resource to use when creating your Works Cited page and formatting your research paper.

[How to Create a Works Cited Page \(Google Slides\)](#)

[Article Citation Practice Template](#)

[MLA Formatting Rules Overview](#)

[Image Citation Practice Template](#)