

Subject Guide to World History

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Selected Reference Books

General

- 📖 **Brill's New Pauly: Encyclopedia of the Ancient World** [DE5 .N3513 Ref] – this alphabetical encyclopedia will provide comprehensive coverage of the classical world to the prehistory of the Aegean to late antiquity. The entries include essays on people, places, events, and ideas from the ancient Greek and Roman worlds.
Note: This set is an ongoing publication. Roberts-LaForge Library currently has vol. 1-12
- 📖 **Cambridge Ancient History** [D57 .C525 14 volumes Ref] – extensive coverage of these time periods by the Cambridge Press. All three Cambridge sets are constructed as prose without any encyclopedic entries. Users must rely on the index to find a specific topic.
- 📖 **Cambridge Medieval History** [D117 .C3 8 volumes Ref]
- 📖 **Cambridge Modern History** [D208 .N4 14 volumes Ref]
- 📖 **Chronology of World History** [D11 .M39 1999 4 volumes Ref] – each time period (i.e. 3000 B.C.-2001 B.C.) is broken down into four major sections: (1) Politics, Government, and Economics, (2) Science, Technology, and Medicine, (3) Arts and Ideas, and (4) Society.
- 📖 **Dictionary of the Middle Ages** [D114 .D5 1982 Ref] – alphabetically arranged articles which range in length from one paragraph to six pages. Bibliographies are included after each entry.
- 📖 **Encyclopaedia Judaica, Second Edition** [DS 102.8 .E496 22 vols. Ref] – standard source on Jewish life, culture, faith, and history.
- 📖 **Encyclopedia of the Renaissance** [CB361 .E52 1999 6 volumes Ref] – with nearly 1200 entries, this encyclopedia covers the cultural movement and period of history covering the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries known as the Renaissance. The concentration is basically all things European: either on Europe directly or its impact on other parts of the world.

Conflict

- 📖 **Encyclopedia of the Cold War** [D843 .3 A668 1994 Ref] – brief informative entries on figures and events that shaped the international balance of power during this “cold” conflict.
- 📖 **Encyclopedia of the Holocaust** [D804 .3 .E53 1995 2 volumes Ref] – indispensable reference source. All relevant dates, people, and events are in this work.
- 📖 **Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War** [DS557.7 .E53 1998 3 volumes Ref] – covers the history of American involvement in Vietnam. The authors also include the history of the country up to 1997. Maps, illustrations, bibliographies, and cross-references are included.

- 📖 **World War I** [D521 .H428 1997 Ref] – concise work containing large thematic chapters such as “Overview of the War.” The centerpiece of this encyclopedia is a bibliography on the principals of the war as well as related features such as wartime diplomacy and culture.
- 📖 **World War II in Europe** [D740 .W67 1999 2 volumes Ref] – acts like six smaller encyclopedias in one volume. Each section is dedicated to one facet of the war (i.e. social issues, weapons, strategies, etc.) The volume includes appendices with several tables, charts, and maps.

Selected Databases/Indexes

- 📖 **Humanities Index** (1974-1997) – Index of articles, interviews, bibliographies, and book reviews on all areas of the humanities including music, art, philosophy, and history. This index is housed in the Reference Department.
- 📖 **JSTOR** (1800s-Present) ^{Off-campus} – Full text coverage of a number of journals including *Eighteenth Century Studies*, *Studies in the Renaissance*, *Renaissance Quarterly*, *Speculum*, and *William and Mary Quarterly*. See JSTOR for a complete listing.

In addition to JSTOR consult interdisciplinary databases such as **Academic Search Premier** and **MasterFILE Premier**. Roberts-LaForge Library also has **Historical Abstracts** (print from 1955-1983) and **Combined Retrospective Index to Journals in History, 1838-1974** (print volumes I-IV). **Historical Abstracts** covers world history (excluding the United States and Canada) from 1450 to the present. **Combined Retrospective** covers world history in Africa to the West Indies.

Selected Web Sites

- 🌐 **Labyrinth** [<http://labyrinth.georgetown.edu>] – Sponsored by Georgetown University, this site serves medieval scholars well by providing a myriad of high quality sites. Searchers can click on broad categories such as archaeology or Judaism, or use a more detailed search mechanism that contains categories, subcategories, and types of materials desired (bibliographies, maps, etc.)
- 🌐 **Portals to the World** [<http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html>] – Maintained by the Library of Congress, this guide offers a wealth of descriptive and empirical data on nearly every nation. Find information on business, culture, education, government, health, history, religion, and more. Out of all the great country resources available, this one is not to be missed.