

Exercise 3: Library Treasure Hunt

you do not have to do all the questions
with the same topic. It is okay to have different
topics.

This exercise is designed to help you get acquainted with resources for ancient studies. Please type up your answers. Allow yourself plenty of time for browsing!

1. Find a website about an ancient culture or author or literature that interests you. How does the site present its material? What kinds of sources does it use? What terms might be useful for further research?
*substantiated and reliable information. Not any website.
a website that has*
2. Use the library catalog to find two relevant books in Marymount's collection: one about ancient literature, and one about ancient culture or history. For each book, record its full bibliographic citation in MLA format, followed by the call number, and then write a paragraph summarizing its contents in your own words (you may also use chapter titles in quotation marks) and describing an interesting example (citing page numbers). Basically: what is the book about? Please also comment on what features would make the book helpful for undergraduate research. (Hint: You don't have to read the whole book to answer this question.)
3. Go to the library's reference section and find the encyclopedias for ancient history and literature. There are also encyclopedias on topics like foodways and art that include some entries on the ancient world. Choose one and look up someone or something that interests you. Record the encyclopedia article's bibliographic information in MLA format, list the call number, and write a few sentences describing what you learned from the entry. Because these are specialized encyclopedias, you need to include the author's name and article title, just as you would for a journal article.
4. Use one of the academic online databases to find a scholarly (peer-reviewed) article written since 1990 about a topic in ancient literature or culture. (Feel free to consult with me or a librarian for advice.) This article may be available in full text online, or you might need to find it in a journal in the stacks. Record its full bibliographic citation in MLA format and then write a paragraph summarizing its topic and main point in your own words (no chapter titles here, but there may be some section headings). (Hint: you can skim the article to find this information.)