Research Methods for CS3310G
Women in Ancient Greece

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Session Outline:

► Starting your research
► Finding scholarly sources
  • Books
  • Articles
  • Other types of sources
► Evaluating sources
► Getting more help
Starting Your Research

- Clearly define your topic

- Consult background sources and course readings to identify key concepts, time periods, etc.

- Think of synonyms and related terms that might help you find relevant research material on your topic

http://guides.lib.uwo.ca/classics/3310G/reference
Tools for Effective Searching

1. Use operators \((\text{AND or OR})\) to combine keywords.

2. Enclose phrases in “double quotation marks” to ensure that the words are searched together (as a locked PHRASE).

3. Include a wildcard symbol \(( * )\) to find variant endings
Search Strategy Worksheet

I am looking for information about: **MARRIAGE AND DOWRIES IN ANCIENT GREECE**

Circle the key concepts in the statement you wrote above. For each concept, fill out a row below by finding synonyms and related terms for your concept (use OR to combine). Combine the concepts together with AND.

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Search tools (catalogue, databases):

Limits (date, format, language):
Getting good at ANYTHING takes PRACTICE!!

"Scientists have recently determined that it takes approximately 400 repetitions to create a new synapse in the brain – unless it is done with PLAY, in which case, it takes between 10-20 repetitions."

Dr. Keryn Purnell

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Finding Scholarly Sources Using the Library Search Engine

- Retrieves references to books, articles and other information sources on any topic
- Good starting place for broad topics
- Often includes links to full-text
- Advanced Search option lets you limit your results by date or to specific types of resources

Search Example: (dowry OR dowries) AND ancient greece
Shared Library Catalogue

Classic Search

Title | Author | Keyword | Subject | Number | Course Reserves

- Title
- Journal Title

Human organization

All Libraries and Collections

Search

How to find books
How to find journal articles

Examples:

Title Search | Journal Title Search

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Finding Scholarly Sources
Using the Library Catalogue

- Best place to look for specific/known titles
- Use keyword option to find specific works by ancient authors
- Includes links to e-books and online journals

http://lib.uwo.ca
Finding Scholarly Sources
Library Research Guides

- Librarian-recommended resources on every subject
- Links to databases, online encyclopaedias and more

http://guides.lib.uwo.ca/classicalstudies
Best Databases for Articles on Classical Studies Topics

- l’Annee Philologique
- JSTOR
- Humanities International Complete

http://guides.lib.uwo.ca/classics/3310G
Evaluating Sources

Criteria to consider:

- Relevance
- Authority
- Date
- Accuracy
- Reason (or Purpose)
Primary Source Collections
http://guides.lib.uwo.ca/classicalstudies/primarysources

- Loeb Classical Library
- Perseus Digital Library
- Thesaurus Linguae Graecae (TLG) Online
Other Relevant Resources

- ARTSTOR Digital Library
- Streaming video collections

( http://guides.lib.uwo.ca/streamingvideo )
Citing and Writing Guides

- Western Libraries guides
  - [http://guides.lib.uwo.ca/classics/3310G/writingandciting](http://guides.lib.uwo.ca/classics/3310G/writingandciting)

- Purdue Online Writing Lab [OWL]
  - [https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/)

- EasyBib
Getting More Help

Chat with a librarian

Chat With A Librarian
Monday-Thursday 10-10
Friday 10-5
Sat. & Sun 12-6

Weldon Library Service Desk
Monday-Thursday 8-8
Friday 8-5
Saturday & Sunday 10:30-5:00
Get EVEN MORE Help:

- **Videos** [https://www.lib.uwo.ca/tutorials/index.html](https://www.lib.uwo.ca/tutorials/index.html)

  Videos & How-Tos
  
  What to | Library Videos & How-Tos...
  Where to | Videos & How-Tos...
  When to |

  Short videos and guides that answer frequently asked questions about library research, services and more.

- **Consultations**: Research and course work support
  
  Providing detailed information, plus several available appointment-availabilities helps to ensure that you receive appropriate/in-depth assistance [https://www.lib.uwo.ca/forms/teaching/researchsupport.php](https://www.lib.uwo.ca/forms/teaching/researchsupport.php)
Was this session helpful??

Thank You For Your Attention!