Finding Resources on Myths

Library Home page: http://www.chabotcollege.edu/library/

Search Strategy Handout: http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Library/handouts/Eng1A/strategy.html

Subject Headings

Sometimes instead of searching by keywords, you may have better luck finding materials by consulting the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH). This is important because you can sometimes get better search results. For example, articles, books, and web sites on “Myths” will usually be indexed under “Mythology.” To browse such headings, they are in the four thick red volumes on the left side of the reference desk. The list below is a sample and is NOT complete.

Mythology  Mythology, African  Mythology, Classical  Indian Mythology  Navajo Mythology
Legends  Mythology, Anglo-Saxon  Mythology, Egyptian  Mythology, Indonesian  Mythology, Norse
Religions  Mythology, Arab  Mythology, English  Inuit Mythology  Pawnee Mythology
Animals, Mythical  Mythology, Asian  Eskimo Mythology  Mythology, Iranian  Mythology, Roman
Folklore  Aztec Mythology  Mythology, European  Iroquois Mythology  Mythology, Slavic
Gods  Mythology, Balinese  Mythology, Germanic  Mythology, Japanese  Mythology, Sumerian
Godesses  Mythology, Baltic  Mythology, Greek  Mythology, Jewish  Mythology, Sumerian
Dryads  Mythology, Buddhist  Mythology, Hindu  Mythology, Kurdish  Mythology, Turkish
Myth  Mythology, Celtic  Hopi Mythology  Maya Mythology  Mythology, Welsh
          Mythology, Chinese  Inca Mythology  Mythology, Middle Eastern  Mythology, Zulu

Sometimes, Names of Actual Mythical Figures or Deities will suffice. Below are a FEW examples. Notice sometimes you need to state “Deity” or “Mythology” to be more specific that you are searching for the mythical figure. When searching try combining terms that will work (Example: Isis AND deity or Isis AND mythology):

Rainbow Serpent  Isis (Egyptian Deity)  Pandora (Greek Mythology)  Innana (Sumerian Deity)

Library Catalog:

Search the Library Catalog for your particular myth. You will locate your book by its call number.

![Library Catalog Search](image)

words or phrase "norse mythology" search found 7 titles.

#1  BL860.C76 1980
Details  The Norse myths 1st American ed.
Crossley-Holland, Kevin.
Keep 1 copy available at CHABOT in STACKS

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Subscription Databases: [http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Library/abby/dblist.html](http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Library/abby/dblist.html). To find articles related to your topic that originally appeared in magazines, journals, and newspapers. Originally published in print form.

**EbscoHost Academic Search Elite**
A multi-subject database, covering the social sciences, humanities, general science, multi-cultural studies, education, and much more! Tutorial available at: [http://tinyurl.com/58ysq](http://tinyurl.com/58ysq)

**Project MUSE**
Scholarly journal articles in the Humanities and Social Sciences. **Full text is on campus only.**

**Literature Resource Center**
Click on Title or Keyword Search, then click on the folder tab that states “Literary Criticism, Articles, and Work Overviews.” Click on “Literary Criticism,” “Articles,” or “Work Overviews” to find articles relevant to your particular myth.

**ProQuest Diversity Databases**
Click on "Search All Three," and then find articles related to your particular myth.

### Reference (Books and Web sites)

*Man, Myth, and Magic*
Reference: BF1407 .M34 1995

*Mythology of All Races*
Reference: BL25 .M8

*Encyclopedia of Religion*
Reference: BL31 .E46 2005

*Who's Who in Egyptian Mythology*
Reference: BL2428 .M47 1978

**Other Mythology Books**

*Dictionary of Mythology, Folklore, and Symbols*
Reference: GR35 .J6

*Funk and Wagnalls Standard Dictionary of Folklore, Mythology, and Legend*
Reference: GR35 .F8

*Folklore: An Encyclopedia of beliefs, customs, tales, music, and art*
Reference: GR35 .F63 1997

*Dictionary of American Folklore*
Reference: GR105 .T3

*Public WWW Sites Selected by Librarians*

[Encyclopedia Mythica](http://www.pantheon.org/mythica.html)

[Classical Myth: The Ancient Sources](http://web.uvic.ca/grs/bowman/myth/)

[Encyclopedia of the Celts](http://celt.net/Celtic/celtopedia/indices/encycintro.html)

[INFOMINE: Social Sciences and Humanities](http://tinyurl.com/4se5j)

[Digital Librarian: Mythology](http://www.digital-librarian.com/mythology.html)

[Folklore and Mythology Electronic Texts](http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/folktexts.html)

[Academic Info: Mythology Resources](http://tinyurl.com/5msmp)

[MythSearch.com](http://www.mythsearch.com/)

[Ancient World Web](http://www.julen.net/ancient/)

[Classical Mythology Online](http://tinyurl.com/6y8qt)

[Gods, Goddesses, and Myth](http://www.eliki.com/ancient/myth/)

[Bubl-Link: Mythology](http://www.bubl.ac.uk/link/m/mythology.htm)
Web Resources
Use Web search engines (such as Google) last for your research, and if you do, be prepared to evaluate web sites with a very skeptical eye. Anybody can put anything on the web, and if you do not pay attention, you could be referring to very questionable or misinformed sites. For example, a student created an otherwise decent page on the literary author, Toni Morrison, but she linked to a web page that purported to be a research site on Martin Luther King that turned out to be a racist web site from a white supremacy group!

The problem of New Media: In general, the Library does NOT recommend New Media sources such as Wikipedia—you should focus more on a more traditional screening and evaluative process for the sources you select from the Web (general laymen and volunteer editors that have no expertise with regards to the content at hand cannot substitute). The sources listed above under Reference and Statistical sources are written and reviewed by experts.

World Wide Web: Academic Searching
http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Library/onlineref/websearch.html (Left side of the page)

Start your web search at these search tools, first:

Public WWW Sites Selected by Librarians
http://tinyurl.com/35nps8
Chabot College Library has found reliable web sites that you can search at once with our custom Google search engine.

Resources by Subject
http://tinyurl.com/7w2tb
Select a discipline and then select one of the search tools listed under “Public World Wide Web”

INFOMINE
http://infomine.ucr.edu/
When searching, keep in mind that sites listed with a dollar sign after it ($) are premium subscriptions, Chabot College is NOT subscribed to, but all other sites are available for you to use.

World Wide Web: General Searching
http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Library/handouts/Eng1A/Transue.html#search

If you must search the World Wide Web at large, search only by these methods—find sites by .pdf (making sure it’s a research article), or find sites ending with the domains, .gov (government websites), .org (non-profit organizational websites), and .edu (educational). You will STILL need to EVALUATE the sites you find. Educational sites like http://www.berkeley.edu/~pbailey/workingpoor.html that have a tilde (~) followed by a username such as ~pbailey are usually student home pages are not suitable for research.

When searching these sites, use the Web Evaluation Checklist: http://tinyurl.com/16a52

Google (limited to PDF files)
http://tinyurl.com/5f294
SearchEDU
http://www.searchedu.com

Google (limiting to .org)
http://tinyurl.com/6yrp9
SearchGov
http://www.searchgov.com/

Map of Library: http://www.chabotcollege.edu/Library/abby/librarymap.html