

Finding Resources on Myths

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

Subject Headings

MYTHS Use [MYTHOLOGY](#)

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
Goddesses	Mythology, Baltic	Mythology, Greek	Mythology, Jewish	Mythology, Tibetan
Dryads	Mythology, Buddhist	Mythology, Hindu	Mythology, Korean	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

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

#1	BL860 .C76 1980	1980
Details	The Norse myths <i>1st American ed.</i> 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>. —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>

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

Reference: BL

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

<http://tinyurl.com/35nps8>

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/l6a52>

Google (limited to PDF files)

<http://tinyurl.com/5f294>

SearchEDU

<http://www.searchedu.com>

Google (limiting to .org)

<http://tinyurl.com/6yyp9>

SearchGov

<http://www.searchgov.com/>

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