

Subject Guides

Ancient Egypt

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This pathfinder is designed to help you locate all kinds of information on Ancient Egypt. It focuses on materials relevant for students grades K-12; these materials include [online searches](#), [print materials](#), [multimedia items](#), [websites](#), and [teacher resources/activities](#).

Ancient Egypt is filled with mystery and wonders, from the building of the pyramids to the extravagant lives of the pharaohs. Archaeologists are still uncovering historical remnants proving that we have a lot to learn from the world's past.

The print materials and multimedia materials were located using the Greenwood Public Library Evergreen search website, and they may all be located at Greenwood Public Library. The electronic materials were located through Google searches and other online databases.

Keywords & Searching Tips

When searching for information through an electronic database or Internet search engine, you may find more or stronger resources by using the following tips:

When looking for a particular phrase, such as *Ancient Egypt*, surround the phrase with quotation marks ("Ancient"). This ensures that your results will include this entire phrase, rather than just "Ancient" or "Egypt."

If you do not want something in your results, put a minus sign (-) in front of it. For example, if I do not want information regarding *Pyramids* in my Ancient Egypt search, I could type: "Ancient Egypt"- Pyramids.

If you want to search for more than one phrase at the same time, use the word "OR" between the phrases. For example, if I searched "Ancient Egypt" OR "Hieroglyphics," I can locate materials that use either of these phrases.

You can narrow down your search even further by using the word "AND." If I want to research King Tut in Ancient Egypt, I can search "Ancient Egypt" AND "King Tut" to get more appropriate results.

Try using the following search terms to locate various materials regarding Ancient Egypt.

- Ancient Egypt
- Pyramid
- Mummification
- Sphinx
- Cleopatra
- Ramses
- Nile River
- Hieroglyphics or hieroglyphs
- Ra, Isis, Osiris (and other gods and goddesses)
- Pharaoh
- Ankh
- Archaeology
- Hatshepsut

- Horus
- Imhotep
- Tutankhamen
- Scarab
- Papyrus
- Obelisk
- Valley of the Kings
- Egypt - Antiquities - Juvenile Literature
- Mythology, Egyptian - Juvenile Literature

Multimedia

The following multimedia items contain both educational and recreational materials regarding the Ancient Egypt.

[**Ancient Egypt: Quest for Immortality**](#) Through modern computer graphics and the ancient writings left by both commoners and kings, experience the intriguing texture of past lives in a world where every death was a new beginning, and every tomb, from humble cave to towering pyramid, a “Quest for Immortality”.

[**Egypt: Beyond the Pyramids**](#) A look at ancient Egypt, including the Tomb of Ramses II, the Abydos Boat Grave, and the skeletons at Mendes. Includes footage of major sites and artifacts.

[**Egypt: Quest for Eternity**](#) Host E.G. Marshall looks at the ancient Egyptians who spend their whole lifetime preparing for life after death. Shows how the monuments and temples they left behind celebrate the power and mystery of their civilization. Highlights the works of Ramses.

[**Egypt: Rediscovering a lost world**](#) Examines three significant archaeological discoveries, King Tut's tomb discovered by Howard Carter, tombs of Seti I and Ramesses discovered by Giovanni Belzoni and Jean-Francios Champollion decodes the hieroglyphs.

[**The Great Pyramid: ancient wonder, modern mystery**](#) This video explores the scientific, historic and prophetic facts of the great pyramid. It challenges conventional thinking with an inspiring Biblical perspective on the source of this pyramid's greatness. You will explore its passage systems and journey through time to its origin and construction. You will witness its purpose and message to man as revealed in Bible prophecies.

[**The Mummy**](#) Deep in the Egyptian desert, a handful of adventurers searching for a long-lost treasure have just unearthed a 3,000 year old legacy of terror.

Fiction/Nonfiction Books

Nonfiction : Grades K-5

[**Ms. Frizzle's Adventures: Ancient Egypt**](#) by Joanna Cole Ms. Frizzle and her tour group are transported to ancient Egypt where they learn about the pyramids, mummification, flooding of the Nile, and other aspects of life in Egypt long ago.
(J 932 COL)

[Ancient Egypt: a guide to Egypt in the time of the pharaohs](#) by Sally Tagholm A tour of ancient Egypt, examining how the people lived, worked, and relaxed, including their clothing, food and drink, shopping, games, religion, laws, medicine, and more. (Request through Evergreen)

[Rich & Poor in Ancient Egypt](#) by Clare Hibbert Compares the lifestyles of the rich and poor in ancient Egypt, including dwellings, clothing, and food.

[Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt](#) by Leon Ashworth (J 299.31 ASH)

[Technology in the time of Ancient Egypt](#) by Judith Crosher Describes many of the innovative inventions that the Egyptians incorporated into their daily life, including ground looms, glass pots, and wooden sledges. (J 609.32 CRO)

[Ralph Masiello's Ancient Egypt Drawing Book](#) by Ralph Masiello (J 743.89 MAS)

[Ancient Egypt](#) by Jane Shuter Highlights the many archaeological digs and findings in Egypt and discusses what life was like in ancient Egypt. (J 932 SHU)

[Royal Mummies: curious corpses from ancient Egypt](#) by Eric Kudalis Describes royal mummies of Ancient Egypt, some of the most famous royal mummies, how the Ancient Egyptians made mummies, how scientists study them, and what they can teach us about the past. (J 393.3 KUD)

[Ancient Egypt](#) by Andrew Haslam Describes life in ancient Egypt, and shows how to make Egyptian-style clothes, jewelry, food, musical instruments, and games, as well as models of houses, boats, chariots, and weapons. (J 932 HAS)

[Pyramids of Ancient Egypt](#) by John D. Clare Describes daily life in ancient Egypt during the time of the Pharaoh Chephren, including clothing, makeup, home life, religious practices, burial rituals, and the construction and role of the pyramids. (J 932 PYR)

[The Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt](#) by Elizabeth Payne Discusses the life and history of ancient Egypt from earliest times through the reign of Ramses II, as it has been pieced together from the work of archaeologists. (J 932.01 PAY)

[Ancient Egypt](#) by George Hart A photo essay on ancient Egypt and the people who lived there, documented through the mummies, pottery, weapons, and other objects they left behind. Describes their society, religion, obsession with the afterlife, and methods of mummification. (J 932 HAR)

[Mummies, Tombs, and Treasures: secrets of Ancient Egypt](#) by Lila Perl Text and photographs examine the mummies and tombs of ancient Egypt. (J 932 PER)

[Ancient Egypt Revealed](#) by Peter Chrisp Text, photographs, and transparent pages reveal the lives and happenings of Ancient Egypt. (J 932.0102 CHR)

Fiction : Grades K-5

[The Cat of Bubastes: a tale of ancient Egypt](#) by G.A. Henty In 1250 BC the teenaged son of the Egyptian high priest sets off a series of harrowing events when he accidentally kills the sacred cat of Bubastes and, accompanied by his sister and two foreign slaves, embarks on a dangerous journey to find safe haven beyond the borders of Egypt. (J FIC HEN)

[The 5,000 Year Old Puzzle: Solving a mystery of ancient Egypt](#) by Claudia Logan An account of Dr. George Reisner's 1925 discovery and excavation of a secret tomb in Giza, Egypt, based on archival documents and records, but told through the fictionalized experiences of a young boy who accompanies his father on the dig. (J PIC LOG)

[Mummies in the Morning](#) by Mary Pope Osborne Jack and his younger sister take a trip in their tree house back to ancient Egypt, where they help a queen's mummy continue her voyage to the Next Life. (J FIC OSB)

[Zekmet the Stone Carver: a tale of Ancient Egypt](#) by Mary Stoltz Chosen to design a magnificent monument for a vain and demanding Pharaoh, an Egyptian stone carver conceives of and begins work on the Sphinx which still stands in the Egyptian desert today. (J PIC STO)

[Egyptian Diary: the Journal of Nakht](#) by Richard Platt In ancient Egypt, Nakht records his experiences as his family moves from small town Esna to the big, exciting city of Memphis, where he studies to be a scribe like his father and helps discover who has been robbing graves. Includes nonfiction information about Egyptian culture. (J FIC PLA)

[Nefertari, Princess of Egypt](#) by Roberta Angeletti While visiting Egypt with her parents, Anna follows a cat into a tomb and meets Nefertari who gives her a tour and explains about ancient Egyptian gods and customs. (J PIC ANG)

NonFiction : Grades 6-12

[The Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Pyramids, Temples, and Tombs of Ancient Egypt](#) by Lorna Oakes Includes: a tour of the temples built to honor the gods and goddesses of ancient Egypt, including Philae, Karnak and Abydos, and burial sites such as Giza, Saqqara and the Valley of the Kings; a detailed survey of the tombs of the pharaohs, their queens and their royal officials; insights into the daily lives and religious practices of the Egyptians; close-up photography of carvings and hieroglyphs; stories of the pioneering travelers, scholars and explorers who brought ancient Egypt alive for the modern world.--From publisher description. (Request through Evergreen)

[Ancient Egypt](#) by David P. Silverman A collection of essays based on the latest historical research and archaeological discoveries surveys the culture and religion of ancient Egypt. (ADU 932 SIL)

[Mythology of ancient Egypt: myths and legends of Egypt, Persia, Asia Minor, Sumer and Babylon](#) by Rachel Storm (ADU 299.3113 STO)

[The Complete Temples of Ancient Egypt](#) by Richard H. Wilkinson (ADU 299.31 WIL)

[Mummies, Myth, and Magic in Ancient Egypt](#) by Christine El Mahdy (ADU 393 MAH)

[Serpent in the Sky: the high wisdom of ancient Egypt](#) by John Anthony West (ADU 932 WES)

[The Mummy in Ancient Egypt: Equipping the dead for eternity](#) by Salima Ikram and Aidan Dodson (932 KIR)

[How to Read Egyptian Hieroglyphs: a step by step guide to teach yourself](#) by Mark Collier and Bill Manley Each chapter introduces a new aspect of hieroglyphic script or Middle Egyptian grammar and encourages acquisition of reading skills with practical exercises. The texts offer insights into the daily experiences of their ancient authors and touch on topics ranging from pharaonic administration to family life to the Egyptian way of death. (ADU 493.1 COL)

[Chronicle of the Pharaohs: the reign by reign record of the rulers and dynasties of ancient Egypt](#) by Peter A. Clayton (ADU 932 CLA)

[Ancient Egypt: life, myth, and art](#) by Joann Fletcher (ADU 932 FLE)

[The Art of Ancient Egypt](#) by David Sandison (ADU 709.32 SAN)

Fiction : Grades 6-12

[Cleopatra VII, Daughter of the Nile](#) by Kristiana Gregory While her father is in hiding after attempts on his life, twelve year old Cleopatra records in her diary how she fears for her own safety and hopes to survive to become Queen of Egypt someday. (J FIC ROYA)

[The Golden Goblet](#) by Eloise Jarvis McGraw A young Egyptian boy struggles to uncover a hideous crime and follow his dreams to become a master goldsmith like his father. (J FIC MCG)

[Mara, Daughter of the Nile](#) by Eloise Jarvis McGraw The adventures of an ingenious Egyptian slave girl who undertakes a dangerous assignment as a spy in the royal palace of Thebes, in the days when Queen Hatshepsut ruled. (J FIC MCG)

Teacher Resources

All Ages

[**Ancient Worlds Workshop: Egypt**](#) (National Geographic) In this lesson, students will explore the ancient civilization of Egypt. They will learn about the geography of Egypt, and read about daily life in ancient Egypt. Students will conclude by writing letters describing one aspect of life in ancient Egypt that they find interesting.

[**National Geographic Brainteaser Quiz**](#)

[**Ancient Egypt Coloring Pages**](#)

[**Ancient Egypt Crossword Puzzle**](#)

[**Ancient Egypt Word Search**](#)

K-5 Activities

[**Wheel of Pharaoh**](#) Students review important facts and concepts about ancient Egyptian civilization and identify important vocabulary and names pertaining to the time period.

6-12 Activities

[**Ancient Egypt**](#) Students will learn how Ancient Egyptian funeral rites and customs are both different from and similar to funeral rites and customs of other cultures.

[**Archaeology**](#) Students will learn about archaeology, the field that concentrates on recovering and studying physical evidence of earlier human life and culture, and discover how archaeologists have worked on sites all over the world, contributing to our understanding of ancient cultures and the history of humankind.

[**Cleopatra**](#) Study Cleopatra, her role historically, and the difficulty of comparing and ranking people.

[**Egyptian Antiquities**](#) Study Egyptian monuments, understand the obstacles ancient builders overcame in erecting monuments, and how with the passage of time, some antiquities are deteriorating.

[**Making Mummies**](#) Learn about different kinds of mummies around the world.

[**Mummy Tales**](#) Understand what mummies are and where they've been found, how and why mummies were made, and what clues mummies give us about the culture of those who created them.

Ramses the Great Learn about what Ramses' archaeological record tells us about the pharaoh and how archaeologists examine the connections or contradictions between the Bible and historical clues.

The Nile Students discover how the Nile River played an important role in the lives of ancient Egyptians.

The Science and Technology of Ancient Egypt In this lesson, students will learn about many of the key scientific and technological contributions made by the ancient Egyptians.

Hieroglyphs and Communication The focus of this lesson is on the use of hieroglyphs as a form of communication, record keeping, and as a means for preserving and passing down history. Students will learn basic information about the alphabet, common Egyptian words, and how to read hieroglyphic messages. Students will also practice using hieroglyphs to create messages of their own.

Websites

Databases

A database is a collection of related electronic records in a standardized format, searchable in a variety of ways, such as title, author, subject, and keyword. Common examples of databases are the library catalog and citation indexes. The library subscribes to a variety of websites and also provides access to a state run database known as Inspire. Through each database you can access journal and magazine articles from a variety of sources.

[Inspire](#)

[Student Research Center](#)

Websites

When searching for information on the Internet, you need to find out where the information is coming from. Anyone can create a website so make sure that the information is referenced or is provided by an educated source. An educated source can be from a university/school, a teacher or usually a site that ends in .edu or .org. Some .com sites have good information just make sure that the person that created the website is qualified. If you are not sure, look for their contact information at the bottom of the website.

The Ancient Egyptian Cultural Exhibit (<http://www.mnsu.edu/emuseum/prehistory/egypt/>)

Egypt: Secrets of an Ancient World (<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/pyramids/>) Articles, images, maps, and activities on Ancient Egypt and the Pyramids.

Ancient Egypt (<http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk/menu.html>) The British Museum gives information on Egyptian life, gods and goddesses, mummification, rulers, pyramids, temples, time, trade, and writing through interactive activities.

Egypt Fun Guide (<http://www.seaworld.org/fun-zone/fun-guides/egypt/index.htm>) Interactive games and activities on Ancient Egypt.

Life in Ancient Egypt (<http://www.carnegiemnh.org/exhibitions/egypt/index.htm>) Information on daily life, gods and religion, and funerary customs in Ancient Egypt.

Mysteries of the Nile (<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/egypt/>) Explore the Pyramids, temples, and other monumental architecture of ancient Egypt through riveting 360° photos shot during this NOVA/PBS Online Adventure.

Papyrus (<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/connect/resources/5009/preview/>) Examine ancient papyrus fragments from an ancient garbage dump. Discover how multispectral imaging, originally used to see through clouds of gas in space, was used to penetrate the dirt and stains and reveal what was written on the papyrus

Egypt Golden Empire (<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/connect/resources/53/preview/>) Find information on hieroglyphs, what daily life was like among a variety of classes in ancient Egypt, and access a virtual library with primary source documents.