



# Tech Tips



**Encyclopedia Britannica** has excellent ad-free information presented in multiple reading levels.

Go to [www.scituatepublicschools.org/StudentDatabases.html](http://www.scituatepublicschools.org/StudentDatabases.html) and click on Encyclopedia Britannica Elementary or Encyclopedia Britannica Middle School. Access to Encyclopedia Britannica is available only through the Library website.



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A book is a book, whether it is in print format or digital format as an e-book. An e-book is NOT the same thing as a website or "Internet source." You use the Internet to get to an e-book, but it's still a book.



Need a **magazine**? Good news! You can find one at the "Virtual" Town Library! Save lots of time!

Use the **Research Databases** to find magazine articles in digital format! Many of these articles were previously published in print format.

While Scituate Town Library can't store all these magazines on the shelves, you can still get to them using the Internet if you go through a library database.



How do you know if the website you're visiting is believable? Accurate? Useful? Ask yourself: who is writing this page? Is it a teacher? A museum?

- Determine good keywords before you start.
- Double check info using more than one source.
- Look to see when a site was last updated.

Usually, sites ending in .gov or .edu contain trustworthy facts.



## 21ST CENTURY LIBRARY RESEARCH

USING LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY AND ONLINE RESOURCES

### Scituate Public Schools Ancient Civilizations Project

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#### Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9 - 9

Friday & Saturday: 9 - 5

Closed Sunday



## → Getting Started

### Using the Online Library Catalog: Keywords & Phrases

*Good Starting Points: Encyclopedia Britannica & the Online Library Catalog.*

Start your research by reading an encyclopedia entry, such as **Encyclopedia Britannica Online** to come up with some **keywords**. Good keywords are names of places, important people, and other words used by historians or scientists about your topic. Keywords can be used no matter how or where you are using technology.

**Example:** For a project on Egypt, try:  
"Ancient Egypt" or "Ramses the Great" or "Pharaohs"

Then use the online catalog to find your books! After entering your keyword or phrase, limit search results using the fields on the left side of the screen. Or try "Advanced Search." See what you discover!

#### HERE'S A TIP:

Did you see exactly which book you want? Place a hold to reserve your books ahead of time... from school or home! **Make technology work for you!** Place a hold and get what you want. Get what you *need!* Delivered to your library!

Place Hold

## → Dig Deeper

### Browsing the Shelves & Virtual Shelves: Call Numbers & Keywords

*Browsing by CALL NUMBER is also a great way to get ideas.*

*Remember like books sit on the shelf next to one another. If you find a book on your topic, look at what is sitting next to it. Chances are there will be other books on your topic nearby.*

*And make sure to check both Children's & Young Adult shelves for books.*

930 General Ancient History	935 Ancient Persia, Babylonia & Mesopotamia, Assyrians	948 Vikings
931 Ancient China	936 Ancient Celts	952 Ancient Japan
932 Ancient Egypt	937 Ancient Rome & Greece	966 Ancient Ghana
933 Ancient Israel	938 Ancient Greece, Minoans, Mycenae	972 Aztecs, Maya
934 Ancient India	939 Ancient Phoenicia, Nubia & Africa, Hittites, Kush	985 Incas

#### HERE'S A TIP:

You can also browse by **Call Number** in the online Library Catalog.

## → There's more!

### Reference Books & Online e-Books

*a.k.a. Books to use while at the library. Use the photo copier or take notes. These books are always in the library because they can't be checked out.*

#### In the Children's Room:

- J REF 930 ANC *The Ancient World, Volumes 1-5*
- J REF 930 EXP *Exploring Ancient Civilizations, Volumes 1-11*

**Try e-Books... Always Available!** View and read online through your web browser! @home if you want!

Go to [www.scituateownlibrary.org/reference\\_ebooks](http://www.scituateownlibrary.org/reference_ebooks)  
Select *History & Social Studies* category.

## → And even more!

### Research Databases... Magazines & More!

[www.scituateownlibrary.org/StudentDatabases.html](http://www.scituateownlibrary.org/StudentDatabases.html)

*Great for finding magazine and special encyclopedia articles, images, audio and video clips.*

- World History in Context 
- Early Peoples Digital Library 
- InfoTrac Student Edition 
- Popular Magazines (search by title: National Geographic, Calliope, Dig, etc.)

*Use the keywords you developed for your library catalog search!*

**Remember:** Database sources are not always websites. You must use the library website to get to databases, but the sources you find by searching a database are not necessarily websites.

## → What else?

### Selected Websites That Might Be Useful...

#### Who has time for random Google searches?

- **Best of History Websites - Ancient/Biblical**  
[www.besthistorysites.net/index.php/ancient-biblical-history](http://www.besthistorysites.net/index.php/ancient-biblical-history)
- **Internet Public Library Pathfinders**  
[www.ipl.org/div/pf](http://www.ipl.org/div/pf)
- **Watch Know Learn**  
[www.watchknowlearn.org](http://www.watchknowlearn.org)
- **British Museum**  
[http://www.britishmuseum.org/learning/schools\\_and\\_teachers/resources.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/learning/schools_and_teachers/resources.aspx)

For MORE great websites, see Scituate Town Library website:  
[www.scituateownlibrary.org/documents/PathfinderAncientCivilizations-2012-13.pdf](http://www.scituateownlibrary.org/documents/PathfinderAncientCivilizations-2012-13.pdf)

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