



La Trobe University Library

HIS11MLH – Myth, Legend and History Library research guide


Finding books on your topic

- Start with your **subject guide** and **additional reading** handout. Use the bibliography from books and articles listed to find more information on the topic
- Search the **catalogue** for other works by the **authors** listed in your guide. They may have written other books on the topic

Keyword searching

Search the catalogue using the [keyword](#) search option.

Examples of keywords you can use are:

- Greek Mythology
 - Ancient Mythology
 - Ancient Greek Myths
 - Achilles
 - Apollo
 - Athena
 - Zeus
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- Use a **truncation symbol** to find alternate endings of words. For most catalogues and databases the truncations symbol is an asterisk.
e.g. myth* will find myth, myths, mythology, mythological
 - When searching for phrases be sure to enclose the phrase in **quotation marks** i.e. “Trojan War”
 - The more keywords you use, the more specific your results will be i.e. Achilles Iliad Homer
 - Sort your results by date by using the  button.

Subject Searching

You can also search the catalogue using the [Subject](#) search option. This search option uses specific subject headings such as:

- [Agamemnon \(Greek mythology\)](#)
- [Helen of Troy \(Greek mythology\)](#)
- [Trojan War](#)
- [Mythology, Greek.](#)
- [Prometheus \(Greek mythology\)](#)

Finding Reserve material

Reserve is a collection of high use print and electronic material. Items are placed in the Reserve Collection at the request of teaching staff, to ensure that recommended reading material is available when required by students.

Search the Reserve collection by using either your lecturer's name or by the name/code of the specific subject. To find material in this collection, click on [Reserve](#) on the Library homepage.

Finding journal articles

Journal articles are a valuable source of current information. The library has access to a number of databases which can help you identify particular articles within journals. You can access a full list of History databases from the [History Subject Resources](#) page.

Authentication

If you are searching the databases from home, you will be asked to enter your La Trobe username and password.

- Search the databases using similar keywords to what you have searched in the library catalogue.
- Be sure to include phrases in quotation marks, and to combine any keywords with the word AND
i.e. Achilles AND "Trojan War".

Many databases now contain full text journal articles. If the database only contains a citation of an article you will need to check the library catalogue to see if we hold the journal.

If our library does not hold the journal you can search [catalogues of other Victorian University Libraries](#) or [Serials in Australian libraries](#) to find out where else it is held and go to the library which holds the journal title.

General Information

Reciprocal Borrowing – you can borrow from other Victorian university libraries by using the CAVAL reciprocal borrowing scheme. Register at the loans desk.

Other Libraries catalogues – Use the **Libraries Australia** database to see what is held in other libraries. It is a national database of material held in all Australian libraries.

Access the database from the following page: <http://www.lib.latrobe.edu.au/help/vic-catalogues.php>

You will need a username and password to access the full Libraries Australia catalogue. Available from the Inquiry Desk.

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