

Elizabethan Times Pathfinder

After you know what your research questions are, your first step is to hit the card catalog! This will search for both books in our library and websites about your topic.

Try using the search words below to get you started.

Possible Search Key Words for *Elizabethan Times* Topics

Renaissance
Renaissance—encyclopedias
Plague—history
Mythology
Monarchy



Dewey number for general renaissance information is **940.2**.
(Be sure to check the Reference collection, too!)

Databases

Check out our library's databases first!! They have tons of reliable information about your topics, including **PRINT SOURCES** like magazine articles and articles from books, as well as multimedia content (video, images, etc.). Databases are the next best thing to books. ☺

Gale

Includes two databases. Choose the **Student Resource Center** database.

**To logon, go to <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/default>

Username and password information is available at the circulation desk in the library.

ABC-CLIO

Includes several history databases. Choose the **World History: The Modern Era** database.

**To logon, go to <http://socialstudies.abc-clio.com>

Username and password information is available at the circulation desk in the library.

Open Websites

A Hint About Searching for General Websites ☺

You can specify with Google which domains you want the search engine to return (.gov or .edu., for example).

Just click the little link to the right of the search bar that says, "Advanced Search." Then, at the bottom of the search box is a place you can type in which domain(s) you want Google to search.

Love & Marriage Customs

Marriage Customs of Elizabethan England:

<http://books.google.com/books?id=o8JIWxBYs40C&pg=PA115&dq=marriage+customs+elizabethan+era&lr=&ei=MOSGS6rMLZKGIQTs86HSDQ&cd=1#>

Includes an account of a wedding party from the time, as well as information about wedding celebrations of the rich.

Society and Religion in Elizabethan England:

<http://books.google.com/books?id=ggK7oOqOVHIC&pg=PA189&dq=marriage+customs+elizabethan+era&lr=&ei=MOSGS6rMLZKGIQTs86HSDQ&cd=10#v=onepage&q=&f=false>

Explores the customs of Elizabethan weddings. Go back to page 155 for the beginning of the chapter.

Much Ado About Nothing:

<http://books.google.com/books?id=QJSgG1Ps4mMC&pg=PA3&dq=marriage+customs+elizabethan+era&lr=&ei=QvGGS4KoCpKGIQTs86HSDQ&cd=14#v=onepage&q=&f=false>

Check out the section on “Marriage Customs in Shakespeare’s England.”

Monarchy & Class Structure

History of the Monarchy:

<http://www.royal.gov.uk/HistoryoftheMonarchy/HistoryoftheMonarchy.aspx>

The official website of the British monarchy. Includes images and articles.

BBC History—Tudors: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/tudors/>

Images and extensive articles.

Mythology

Mythweb: <http://www.mythweb.com/>

A cartoon illustrated guide to many of the gods, goddesses, and heroes in mythology. A good place to start for very basic information.

Theoi Greek Mythology: <http://www.theoi.com/>

Includes articles, art, and extensive links to each mythological figure’s story. Also includes family trees for most gods.

Encyclopedia Mythica: <http://www.pantheon.org/mythica.html>

Includes family trees,

Mythnet: <http://www.classicsunveiled.com/mythnet/html/index.html>

Includes brief articles, images, and family trees of Greek gods and goddesses.

Plague & Sanitation

The Black Death: <http://www.boisestate.edu/courses/westciv/plague/>

Information about the plague in an easy-to-navigate list format. This site was created by a professor at Boise State University.

BBC's History In-Depth: The Plague:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/middle_ages/black_01.shtml

The links on the left side of the page will take you to the relevant parts of the article.

Factmonster's Plague: <http://www.factmonster.com/ce6/sci/A0839266.html>

Be sure to also check out the "History" link near the bottom of the article.

Theater & Entertainment

Folger Shakespeare Library: Shakespeare's Theater:

<http://www.folger.edu/template.cfm?cid=960>

Check out the "Learn More" links at the bottom of the page to, well, learn more.

Encyclopaedia Britannica's Guide to Shakespeare: <http://www.britannica.com/shakespeare>

Check out the "Elizabethan Theater" links for information about the theaters and theater companies in Shakespeare's time. The "Elizabethan World" and "Elizabethan Actors and Writers" links are also quite handy.

Weapons, Warfare & Fencing

Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History—Arms and Armor in Renaissance Europe:

http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/rarm/hd_rarm.htm

Includes images and articles.

How Fencing Works: <http://entertainment.howstuffworks.com/fencing-equipment.htm/printable>

Basic primer on the pieces of fencing equipment and competitive fencing.

Elizabethan Fencing and the Art of Defense: <http://jan.ucc.nau.edu/~wew/fencing.html>

For in-depth information, go to the "Training" section and click on "The Arte of Defense" link.