How to research history.

For those who have questions about historical research and need help in finding out about the past, these links and resources can be very helpful. They will not only aid you with this class, but with all Humanities courses you take in college and may also be very valuable to you as a lifelong learning tool. After you discover the valuable information found in these resources you will never need to use Wikipedia again.

Librarians are your friend.

They are trained professionals who excel at helping students with their research questions. Do not be afraid to ask for help at CPCC it is available...see the link below.

http://www.cpcc.edu/library/ask
http://researchguides.cpcc.edu/az.php?s=13157
http://www.besthistorysites.net/

One of the many helpful Librarians at CPCC.

Research Databases

In this case, they are a series of links to art and historical objects from the early past with explanations of the events and conditions found at different times in the past. All of these sites work for world history before 1600.
Metropolitan Museum of Art collections
http://www.metmuseum.org/collection/the-collection-online
http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/
The second is a time line of art and historical events for all cultures of the world.

British Museum
http://www.teachinghistory100.org/
Teaching history with objects
http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore.aspx
On line data bases of the collection arranged by theme and region as well as history.

Rosetta Stone. Image used by permission of the British Museum © Trustees of the British Museum.

Louvre
http://www.louvre.fr/en/clefs-analyse
http://www.louvre.fr/en/moteur-de-recherche-oeuvres
A guide to art terms and styles as well as to the collections. Are in English or French.
Art in General (Mostly Western)

http://www.artcyclopedia.com/

http://lascaux.culture.fr/
Lascaux cave paintings (French government web site-multi-language)

History by Region

Asian Data Bases

http://depts.washington.edu/silkroad/texts/texts.html
Early accounts of the Silk Road (University of Washington)

http://www.acmuller.net/
Chinese classics in translation (University of Tokyo faculty web site)

http://legacy.fordham.edu/Halsall/india/indiasbook.asp
Sources on India (Fordham University)

http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/main_pop/ps/ps_japan.htm
Sources on Japan, Korea, China and SE Asia (Columbia University)

http://www.harappa.com/
Indus River India (Harappa web site)

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/ancient/emperors-ghost-army.html
Terra Cotta Warriors (Nova video)
Ancient world

http://legacy.fordham.edu/Halsall/ancient/asbook.asp

Greece, Rome, Egypt, Mesopotamia and other early Civilizations. (Fordham University)

http://www.bbc.net.uk/history/ancient/cultures/mesopotamia_gallery.shtml

Mesopotamia (British Broadcasting Corporation)
Tablet from the city of UR. Image used by permission of the British Museum © Trustees of the British Museum.

**World History**

http://ancienthistory.about.com/od/researchreference/a/102110-Primary-Sources-E-Texts.htm

Many of these translations are somewhat less scholarly but this site contains many that are hard to find elsewhere. (About.com)

http://legacy.fordham.edu/halsall/index.asp

Mentioned elsewhere but a classic resource for all world history (Fordham University)

**Americas**

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/ancient/cracking-maya-code.html

Best on Maya (nova video)
Aztec primary sources (University of Richmond)
Mayan religious texts (sacred texts.org)
http://www.lasalle.edu/~mcinneshin/356/wk02/incandocs.htm
Incan documents (LaSalle University)

Mayan Carving. Copan. Image used by permission of the British Museum© Trustees of the British Museum.

Africa
http://legacy.fordham.edu/Halsall/africa/africasbook.asp
Sources on Africa (Fordham University)
Mali (North Carolina Department of Education)
http://www.artsrn.ualberta.ca/amcdouga/Hist446/reading/swahili_poems.htm
East African Poems (University of Alberta)

Islam and Byzantine

http://legacy.fordham.edu/Halsall/islam/islamsbook.asp

Early Islamic kingdoms (Fordham University)
http://legacy.fordham.edu/Halsall/byzantium/index.asp

Byzantine Empire (Fordham University)
http://libguides.hawkeyecollege.edu/content.php?pid=224794&sid=1865041

Early Islam (Hawkeye Community College)
http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/ihp/manuscripts.html
Digital Islamic manuscripts from Harvard

http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/ihp/manuscripts.html

Byzantine sources (Harvard University)

Europe to 1600

http://legacy.fordham.edu/Halsall/sbook.asp

Middle Ages (Fordham University)

http://www.shsu.edu/~his_ncp/Feudal1.html

Feudalism (Sam Houston State University)

http://vault.hanover.edu/~battles/arthur/primary.htm

Middle Ages (Hanover College)

http://guides.monmouth.edu/content.php?pid=128962&sid=1106714

Renaissance Europe (Monmouth College)

http://www.paris.culture.fr/en/

Roman Paris (France Ministry of Culture, multi-lingual)

http://www.vatican.va/various/cappelle/index_sistina_en.htm

Sistine Chapel (Vatican, org)
Sutton Hoo Burial Helmet, German. Circa 700 AD. Image used by permission of the British Museum © Trustees of the British Museum.