

Middle Eastern Voices Research Guide

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Reference Books

The list below identifies Reference books recommended for those researching the Middle East. You may find other useful Reference materials during your research process.

Encyclopedia Britannica: REF 032 En2

Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life: REF 305.8 W89

Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East: REF 956 M29

The Europa World Yearbook: REF 310 EV7 2003

The Greenwood Encyclopedia of World Popular Culture REF 306.03 G85W

The Middle East and South Asia: REF 956 W89

The Statesman's Yearbook: REF 310 St2

World Book Encyclopedia: REF 031 W89

The World Factbook: REF 310 W89

Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations: REF 910.3 W89

[Britannica Online](#): This is the online version of the print edition listed above.

Finding Additional Books in the Library

Try the following terms as subject searches in the Ohrstrom's [online catalog](#).

- Egypt, (or Jordan, or Iran, etc.)
- Egypt, History (or Jordan, History or Iran, History etc.)
- Middle East, History
- Middle East, Politics and Government
- Middle East, Religion

Websites

- [CIA World Factbook](#)
- [Columbia University Libraries : Middle East Studies](#)
- [Internet Public Library: International Newspapers](#)
- [Library of Congress Country Studies](#)
- [Google Newspaper Directory](#)
- [Google Scholar](#)

Also consider a search for "Middle East" at the [Librarian's Internet Index](#)

Library Databases

All library databases are accessible [HERE](#).

Databases recommended for researching the Middle East:

- [Proquest](#) – Proquest provides access to thousands of U.S. magazines and newspapers as well as some international titles. Search using keywords related to your topic.
 - For example: Jordan AND Religion
 - **Search tip:** Note the recommendations in the Topic box above your search results.
- [JSTOR](#) – JSTOR provides access to dozens of scholarly political science journals as well as hundreds of additional academic journals. Search using keywords related to your topic.
 - For example: Iran AND "women's rights" AND education
- [EBSCOHost](#) – EbscoHost provides access to thousands of U.S. magazines and newspapers as well as some international titles. Search using keywords related to your topic.
 - For example: Turkish AND education AND literacy AND students
- **Final Tip:** As you become more familiar with your topic, consider adding additional, specific terminology to refine your searches.
 - For example: Afghanistan AND "Soviet Union" AND reconstruction AND Geneva