CHINESE DYNASTIES RESEARCH GUIDE

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Your job will be to find as many interesting facts about the Chinese Dynasty you have chosen. This is an exciting project and there is a lot of information available. Where to start?

The Templeton Library site: https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/templeton/Teaching-and-learning/Learning-Commons-or-Library/Pages/default.aspx

Log on to VSB LIBRARY (library.vsb.bc.ca)

Note: If you access VSB LIBRARY through the School's Library Website, you will not require logins when you access the Databases. But you do need to login - in order to see the page with all the Database icons.

Log in (top right-hand corner): your student number

Password(network password): Password used at a school computer

USEFUL DATABASES:

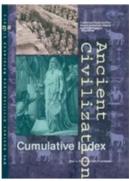
- World Book Online basic overview to guide you through your research
 - Login information in your agenda books / Login: vsbstudent Password: vsbstudent
 - Select "Advanced Search" option for higher level of information.
- GVRL (Gale Virtual Reference Library)

If you require a Login ...

Login: 39tm Password: library

- Select "History" from the side menu.
- Then scroll down the list until you find the resource: Ancient Civilizations.

This is a 2 volume reference set. As the title suggests, it covers the "ancient" civilizations: Rome / Greece / China / Incan / Mayan, etc.



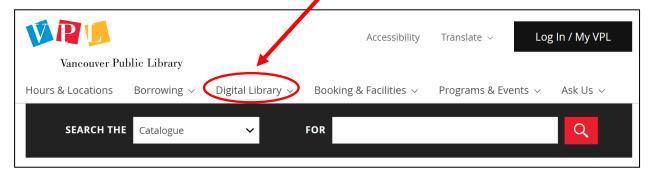
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VANCOUVER PUBLIC LIBRARY RESOURCES (vpl.ca)

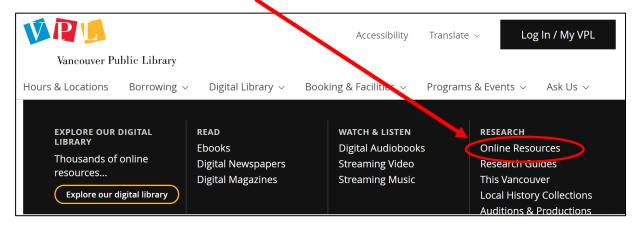
You need a VPL card you also have access to a variety of Databases. If you do not have a card, VPL is allowing temporary online applications.

How to search....

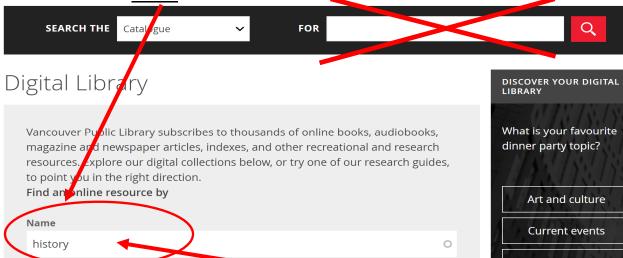
1) Visit the VPL page & click on the "<u>Digital Library</u>" Tab



2) Then select "Online Resources".

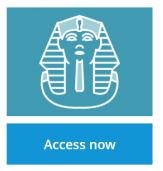


3) DO NOT search the catalogue ... scroll down, past the Digital Library intro., to the search "Name" box.



Type "History" in this box and enter for available resources.

The REFERENCE RESOURCE that appears is:



Ancient and Medieval History Online

Discover ancient and medieval civilizations through a rich selection of articles, images, videos, timelines and more.

Access: Everywhere for VPL cardholders

Don't let the title fool you. It is an excellent source of information on Chinese Dynasties. To access you will need your VPL library card.

4) CLICK ON "ACCESS NOW" tab and LOG IN.

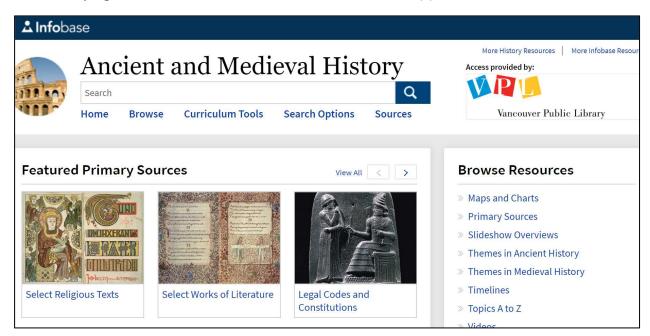
Your Login is: your 14 digit barcode number i.e. 21383...

Your PIN #: the last 4 digits of the phone number you have on file with VPL.

[If you do not have a valid library card, VPL is temporarily allowing online applications.

Now is a good time to get apply.]

Once you have logged in, press enter ... you will see a screen that tells you that you have successfully signed in. Click on "Continue" to see the resource(s).



5) NOW IT IS TIME TO SEARCH YOUR TOPIC.

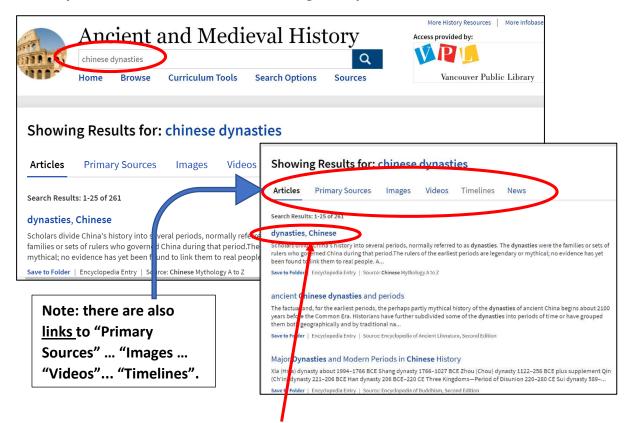
General Search Terms: Chinese Dynasties

Specific Search Terms: The name of your Dynasty - Han ... Ming ... Qin ... Shang .. Song ... Sui

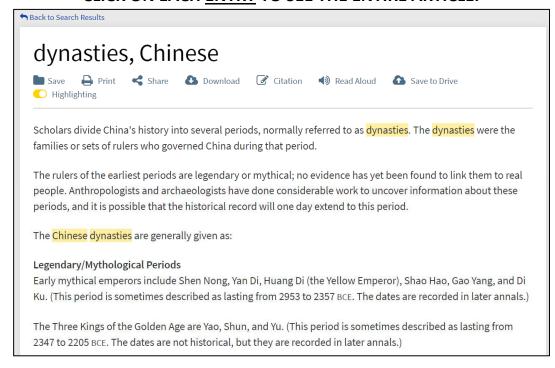
...Tang ... Zhou, etc. Note: Your Dynasty may have several spellings – try both.

A GENERAL SEARCH FOR "CHINESE DYNASTIES"

Note: You can search a general term like "Chinese Dynasties" will call up many encyclopedia articles. Scroll down the list for all ... and pick the one you think will work for you. You may have to look at a few before finding what you want.

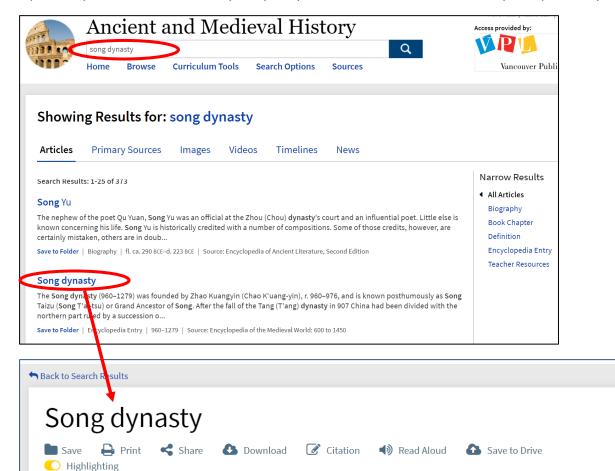


CLICK ON EACH ENTRY TO SEE THE ENTIRE ARTICLE.



SPECIFIC DYNASTY SEARCH / Example: "Song Dynasty"

Tip: Always include the word "dynasty" in your search... with the name of your specific dynasty.



The Song dynasty (960–1279) was founded by Zhao Kuangyin (Chao K'uang-yin), r. 960–976, and is known posthumously as Song Taizu (Song T'ai-tsu) or Grand Ancestor of Song. After the fall of the Tang (T'ang) dynasty in 907 China had been divided with the northern part ruled by a succession of short-lived regimes called the Five Dynasties of China, while southern China was divided between 10 province-sized minor ruling houses. Zhao Kuangyin was an important general serving the last of the Five Dynasties, the Later Zhou. He became emperor as a result of a mutiny conducted by his troops. Fearful that the same soldiers and their officers could depose him as easily as they had raised him to the throne, he immediately set out to persuade the leading generals to retire on generous pensions, replacing them with junior officers loyal to him. In forming his new government Taizu made the military subordinate to civilians and rotated commanders and garrisons to discourage the formation of

See a Term or Vocabulary word you do not know? Use an online dictionary to look it up ...

Example: Cambridge English Dictionary: https://dictionary.cambridge.org/

Happy Research! If you have any problems accessing these resources, email gbombino@vsb.bc.ca