

Assignment 4. The Reference Work.

"[T]he reference shelves of the library are the real training ground of the researcher." --
Jacques Barzun and Henry F. Graff, *The Modern Researcher*, 5th ed. (1992), 68

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The Modern Researcher lists 9 types of reference works:

1. Encyclopedias
2. Biographical Dictionaries
3. Indexes to Periodicals
4. Dictionaries of Quotations, and Concordances
5. Atlases and Gazetteers
6. Chronologies or Books of Dates
7. Language Dictionaries
8. Handbooks and Source Books
9. Bibliographies

Possible relevant reference works at Booth Library include:

Cannon, John, ed. *The Oxford Companion to British History*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997.
[RefDA34.O931997]

DNB [RefDA28.D47v.1-2] Also *The Concise Dictionary of National Biography*, 2nd ed. OUP, 1906 (to 1900, everyone that is mentioned in the *DNB* is here, but biographies boiled down to fit in two volumes)
[RefDA28.D56]

Haigh, Christopher. *The Cambridge Historical Encyclopedia of Great Britain and Ireland*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985. [RefDA34.C281985]

Weinreb, Ben and Christopher Hibbert, eds. *The London Encyclopaedia*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1983.
[RefDA677.L861991]

For British Online Sources, see:

<<http://www.eiu.edu/~localite/britain/>>, especially

<<http://www.eiu.edu/~localite/britain/#Era>> and <<http://www.eiu.edu/~localite/britain/england.htm>>