

# **Introduction to Ancient Egypt and Its Civilization**

## **Suggested & Additional Resources**

### **Suggested Textbook**

Silverman, David P. (general editor.), *Ancient Egypt*.(New York: Oxford University Press, 1997).

### **Additional Suggested Course Readings**

*The following are suggested readings to enhance one's understanding of the areas I discuss in the classes.*

Lecture One: History and Chronology

Chapter 2, William J. Murnane, "Three Kingdoms and Thirty-four Dynasties," pp. 20-39.

Lecture Two: The Pharaoh and Kingship

Chapter 8, David P. Silverman, "The Lord of the Two Lands," pp. 106-113.

Lecture Three: Gods and Goddesses

Chapter 9, James P. Allen, "The Celestial Realm," pp. 114-129.

Lecture Four: The Pyramids and Sphinx

Chapter 12, Zahi Hawass, "The Pyramids," pp. 166-191.

Lecture Five: Mummies and Mummification

Chapter 10, Robert K. Ritner, "The Cult of the Dead," pp. 132-147.

## Course Resources and Sampling of Further Readings

*The following sampling of resources will have information about many of the areas I discuss in the classes. Some of these resources will deal with broad topics, others will focus on particular subject matter, and several represent sources of images in museums.*

### I. Sampling of online sources for broad topics

#### A. Free

Penn Museum  
[www.penn.museum](http://www.penn.museum)

Penn Museum/ Egyptian Section  
<http://www.penn.museum/about-collections/curatorial-sections/egyptian-section>

Penn Museum/ Collections Search  
<http://www.penn.museum/collections/>

Penn Museum/ Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/pennmuseum/>

Penn Museum/ Flickr  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/pennmuseum>

Ancient Egypt Research Associates (current research on the Giza Plateau - the "City of the Pyramid Workers")  
[www.aeraweb.org](http://www.aeraweb.org)

Museum of Fine Arts Boston/ The Giza Archives (the definitive resource for the history of research on the Giza Plateau)  
[www.gizapyramids.org](http://www.gizapyramids.org)

New York University/ Institute for the Study of the Ancient World  
<http://isaw.nyu.edu/online-resources>

New York University/ Institute of Fine Arts, Abydos Project  
[www.nyu.edu/gsas/dept/fineart/academics/abydos/abydos.htm](http://www.nyu.edu/gsas/dept/fineart/academics/abydos/abydos.htm)

UCLA Encyclopedia of Egyptology  
[https://escholarship.org/uc/nelc\\_uee](https://escholarship.org/uc/nelc_uee)

Griffith Institute/ Tutankhamun: Anatomy of an Excavation (for all the original notes, photographs, and records of Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon's discovery)  
[www.griffith.ox.ac.uk/discoveringtut/](http://www.griffith.ox.ac.uk/discoveringtut/)

University Library/ Universitat Heidelberg  
<http://digi.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/en/sammlungen/aegyptologie.html>

Tombs and Mastabas of Ancient Egypt  
[http://www.osirisnet.net/e\\_centrale.htm](http://www.osirisnet.net/e_centrale.htm)

Egyptology Resources  
<http://www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/er/>

National Geographic Society (search keyword: Egypt)  
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/>

NOVA/ PBS (search keyword: Egypt)  
<http://www.pbs.org/show/nova>

- B. Free, but does require registration  
Egyptologists' Electronic Forum (EEF)  
[www.egyptologyforum.org](http://www.egyptologyforum.org)

## II. Sampling of publications covering general topics, as well as specific subjects

- A. Free downloads (for personal use only)  
Penn Museum *Expedition Magazine* (searchable)  
<http://www.penn.museum/sites/expedition/>

Penn Museum Archives  
<http://www.penn.museum/about-collections/archives>

Penn Museum Library (accessible to University of Pennsylvania students and staff; valid Penn ID login required)  
<http://www.library.upenn.edu/collections/Aegyptus/AegyptusElectreus.html>

Penn Museum Library (electronic resource accessible to University of Pennsylvania students and staff; valid Penn ID login required)  
*Journal of the American Research Center in Egypt*

Penn Museum Library (electronic resource accessible to University of Pennsylvania students and staff; valid Penn ID login required)  
*Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt*

Penn Museum Library (electronic resource accessible to University of Pennsylvania students and staff; valid Penn ID login required)  
*Ancient Egypt Bibliography*

Metropolitan Museum of Art Publications  
<http://www.metmuseum.org/art/metpublications/titles-with-full-text-online>

Recommended:

- Egyptian Art in the Age of the Pyramids*
- The Art of Medicine in Ancient Egypt*
- Gifts for the Gods: Images from Ancient Egyptian Temples*
- Hatshepsut: From Queen to Pharaoh*
- The Scepter of Egypt*
- Egyptian Wall Paintings: The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Collection of Facsimiles*
- The Royal Woman of Amarna: Images of Beauty from Ancient Egypt*

Museum of Fine Arts Boston/ The Giza Archives (downloadable library for the history of research on the Giza Plateau)  
[www.gizapyramids.org](http://www.gizapyramids.org)

Oriental Institute, University of Chicago, Publications I  
<http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/publications/oriental-institute-publications-oip> (Near East list)

Oriental Institute, University of Chicago, Publications II  
<http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/publications/egyptian-civilization>  
(Egyptian Civilization list)

Recommended:

- Before the Pyramids: The Origins of Egyptian Civilization*

British Museum Publications  
<https://www.britishmuseum.org/research/publications1.aspx>

University Library/ Universitat Heidelberg  
<http://digi.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/en/sammlungen/aegyptologie.html>

B. Available for purchase

Silverman, David P. (ed.), *Ancient Egypt*. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997).

Silverman, David P. (ed.), *Searching for Ancient Egypt: Art, Architecture, and Artifacts from the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology*. (Dallas and Philadelphia: Dallas Museum of Art and the University of

Pennsylvania Press, 1997). A catalogue highlighting more than 100 ancient Egyptian artifacts in the Penn Museum collections; includes a short history of the Penn Museum's research in Egypt.

Dodson, Aidan and S. Ikram, *The Tomb in Ancient Egypt*. (New York: Thames & Hudson, 2008).

Dodson, Aidan and D. Hilton, *The Complete Royal Families of Ancient Egypt: A Genealogical Sourcebook of the Pharaohs*. (New York: Thames & Hudson, 2004).

Freed, Rita and Y.J. Markowitz, S. H. D'Auria, *Pharaohs of the Sun: Akhenaten, Nefertiti, and Tutankhamun*. (Boston: Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Bullfinch Press, 1999).

Hawass, Zahi, *Treasures of the Pyramids*. (Vercelli: White Star, 2003).

Hawass, Zahi, *Inside the Egyptian Museum with Zahi Hawass*. (Cairo and New York: American University in Cairo Press, 2010).

Ikram, Salima and A. Dodson, *The Mummy in Ancient Egypt: Equipping the Dead for Eternity*. (New York: Thames & Hudson, 1998).

Lehner, Mark, *The Complete Pyramids*. (New York: Thames & Hudson, 1997).

Nicholson, Paul and I. Shaw, *Ancient Egyptian Materials and Technology*. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2000).

Patch, Diana, *Dawn of Egyptian Art*. (New York: Metropolitan Museum of Art, 2011).

Redford, Donald (ed.), *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt*. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001). Also available online via University of Pennsylvania Library system (for University of Pennsylvania students and staff; valid Penn ID login required).

Reeves, Nicholas, *The Complete Tutankhamun: The King, the Tomb, the Royal Treasure*. (New York: Thames & Hudson, 1995).

Robins, Gay, *The Art of Ancient Egypt*. (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2008, rev. edition).

Shafer, Byron (ed.), *Religion in Ancient Egypt*. (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1991).

Simpson, William Kelly (ed.), W. Stevenson Smith's, *The Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt*. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1993, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition).

Thompson, Jason, *Wonderful Things: A History of Egyptology 1: From Antiquity to 1881*. (Cairo and New York: American University in Cairo Press, 2015).

Thompson, Jason, *Wonderful Things: A History of Egyptology 2: The Golden Age 1881-1914*. (Cairo and New York: American University in Cairo Press, 2016).

Wilkinson, Richard, *Reading Egyptian Art: A Hieroglyphic Guide to Ancient Egyptian Painting and Sculpture*. (New York: Thames & Hudson, 1992).

Wilkinson, Richard, *The Complete Temples of Ancient Egypt*. (New York: Thames & Hudson, 2000).

Wilkinson, Richard, *The Complete Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt*. (New York: Thames & Hudson, 2003)

### III. Sampling of museum collections sources, some with exhibitions

Penn Museum  
[www.penn.museum](http://www.penn.museum)

Metropolitan Museum of Art  
<http://www.metmuseum.org>

Brooklyn Museum  
<http://www.brooklynmuseum.org>

Museum of Fine Arts Boston  
<http://www.mfa.org>

Field Museum, University of Chicago  
<https://www.fieldmuseum.org>

Global Egyptian Museum  
<http://www.globalegyptianmuseum.org>

British Museum, London  
<http://www.britishmuseum.org>

Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology, University of Oxford  
<http://www.ashmolean.museum>

Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology, University College  
London  
<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/museums/petrie>

Louvre Museum, Paris  
<http://www.louvre.fr/en>

Neues Museum, Berlin  
<http://www.smb.museum/en/museums-institutions/neues-museum/home.html>

Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, Copenhagen  
<http://www.glyptoteket.dk>

Museo Egizio, Torino (Turin)  
<http://www.museoegizio.it/en/>

#### IV. Sampling of resources in Egypt

##### A. Free

The Egyptian Tourism Authority  
<http://www.egypt.travel>

Ministry of Antiquities, Egypt (Facebook)  
<https://www.facebook.com/Ministry-of-Antiquities-336764893195328/>

The Grand Egyptian Museum (under construction)  
<http://www.gem.gov.eg>

List of Museums within Egypt  
[http://www.sca-egypt.org/eng/MUS\\_List.htm](http://www.sca-egypt.org/eng/MUS_List.htm)

Bibliotheca Alexandrina (the new Library of Alexandria)  
<https://www.bibalex.org/en/default>