Cheat Sheet

Sources of SINGAPORE HISTORY

Information sources

Primary source	Secondary source
The information is created by someone who had first-hand experience of an event.	The information is an interpretation of information from a primary source.

Information can be accessed in the following formats:

Written

Text such as newspapers, books, journals, websites, letters, newspapers, diaries, travelogues etc.

Visuals

Posters, photographs, videos, brochures, drawings, maps, sketches etc.

Oral

Interviews, audio recordings, legends, stories, myths and tales that were traditionally passed down by word of mouth.

Artefacts

Old items, fossils, tools, wares, monuments and even buildings - these are recovered long after they served their purposes.

Personal experiences and observations

Autobiographies and travelogues provide rich insights into narratives that capture a slice of history and culture of a particular period of time.

Public Library and Lee Kong Chian Reference Library

Literature collection on Singapore
S821 is for Singaporean poetry (English)
S823 is for Singaporean fiction (English)

S ource
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Is it trustworthy?

U nderstand
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Quick facts

Some publications that provide a quick glimpse into Singapore's social history and serve as a good reference for checking of factual information:

- Chronicle of Singapore : fifty years of headline news 1959-2009/ editor-in-chief, Peter H.L. Lim (call no. 959.5705 HIS)

- Early Singapore, 1300s-1819 : evidence in maps, text and artefacts/ general editors, John N. Miksic, Cheryl-Ann Low Mei Gek. (call no. 959.5703 EAR)

- Singapore : the Encyclopedia / editor-in-chief, Tommy Koh ; general editors, Timothy Auger, Jimmy Yap, Ng Wei Chian (call no. 959.57003 SIN)

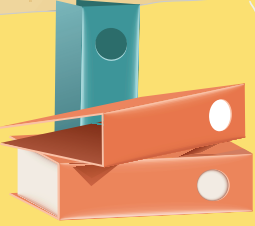## BiblioAsia
http://www.nlb.gov.sg/Browse/BiblioAsia.aspx

BiblioAsia is a quarterly journal produced to promote the collections and programmes of the National Library, and to foster research and learning in the history, art and culture of Singapore and Southeast Asia.

HistorySG
http://eresources.nlb.gov.sg/history

This online resource guide contains a large repertoire of articles on Singapore from 1299 to the present, all compiled by librarians. The information is classified by era or by theme for easy navigation.

Singapore.sg
http://app.singapore.sg/about-singapore/history/early-history

This is a resource website on information relating to Singapore, including the history of Singapore organised based on timeline. It also has information on the National Symbols and how they came about.

For more information on Singapore, such as Infopedia and NewspaperSG, please refer to the cheat sheet titled Singapore- Facts and Images (which can be found at this address: http://www.nlb.gov.sg/sure/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/SG-factsimages-lowres.pdf).

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Legal Sources

The legal system governing Singapore is based on the English common law. You can access the Singapore Statutes Online via this url
http://statutes.agc.gov.sg/aol/home.w3p

Singapore Academy of Law
http://www.singaporelegalhistory.org/

Cases (in print copies)
- Singapore Academy of Law Journal (call no. 340.05 SALJ)
- The Patents Journal Singapore (call no. 346.59570486 PJS)
- Singapore Law Reports (call no. 348.595704 SLR)

Keywords tips:

Law and legislation Singapore

Singapore regulation

Visual-centric resources

Narratives in visual-centric forms include pictures, illustrations, maps, posters and videos which can be accessed as follows:

OneMap
http://www.onemap.sg/index.html

Recently launched, OneMap is an integrated map system focusing on location-based services and information provided by government agencies.

National Archives Singapore (NAS)
http://www.nas.gov.sg/archivesonline/

The NAS Online portal allows users to search for Singapore historical information across the NAS' various databases. The resources available include pictures, audio-visual recordings, oral interviews, and even maps.

National Library Board Collection of Maps and Posters
http://catalogue.nlb.gov.sg/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/EXPNOS/NLB HOME?HOMEPRMS=NLBGENPARAMS

The NLB's collection contains rich information on the physical layout of Singapore's geographical landscape and various campaigns in the pre-1990s period in the form of maps and posters respectively.

Singapore Master Plan
http://www.ura.gov.sg/uol/master-plan.aspx?p1=View-Master-Plan

The Master Plan (MP) is the statutory land use plan which guides Singapore's development in the medium term over the next 10 to 15 years. It is reviewed every five years.

URA Conservation Portal
https://www.ura.gov.sg/conservationportal/consmap.html

This portal features various conservation areas positioned on a map of Singapore.

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