

Researching sites in the ancient world.

Have a look at the following texts as an introduction to some of the sites we will be exploring in this module:

Southern Levant:

Stern, E. et al. (eds). 1993. *The New Encyclopedia of Archaeological Excavations in the Holy Land*. New York & London: Simon and Schuster.

Crete:

Myers, J.W. et al. 1992. *Aerial Atlas of Ancient Crete*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Egypt:

Baines, J. and Malek, J. 2000. *Cultural Atlas of Ancient Egypt*. New York: Facts on File.

How to write a Site Report

1. Research your site first, using the library resources. These should be included in your references.

2. Where is your site – give location (and map references if you can find these); Supplement this with a good location map.

3. Who excavated the site and when? What are the primary publications?

4. What are the main archaeological characteristics of the site: list these when you research the site and build up your report based on this information. Supplement this information with a good site plan.

- Is it a single-phase or multi-phase site? (perhaps a tell-site) If the latter you should provide some information about the stratigraphy (for example Troy's 9 main cities)
- Dates: earliest occupation to abandonment. Are you going to focus on a particular period of occupation?
- What sort of site is it? (a village, town, cemetery, palace site, port site etc)
- What is the most important aspect of the site? (a palace, its temple(s), urban architecture, houses etc)
- What types of artefact were found at the site? Is there any object of particular significance?
- What do we know about the people who lived, worked or died at the site? Do we know anything about daily life?

5. Illustrations: you can use web sources as well as scanning in material from the library. Remember to reference these correctly using your School's Referencing guidelines. As well as map and plans think about other illustrations (objects, buildings etc)

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