

Annotated References and Resources

BOOKS

1. Ellis, W. M., 1994. *Ptolemy of Egypt*. London: Rout ledge. Available from:
<http://site.ebrary.com/lib/bournemouth/> [Accessed 15 April 2010]

In this book the author describes the origin of Ptolemy dynasty. The author discusses about Ptolemy, general of Alexander, who got the possession of Egypt after Alexander's death. He was termed as successor of Alexander in Egypt. It also explains the events which occurred after the death of Alexander and the role played by Ptolemy in those events. The author also gives a brief explanation of intermixing of Greek and Egyptian culture and how the Ptolemy's accepted the Egyptian culture. The book is used to know the origin of Ptolemy dynasty.

2. Waldherr, K., 2008. *Doomed Queens: Royal Women Who Met Bad Ends, from Cleopatra to Princess Di*. Broadway Books. Available from:
<http://site.ebrary.com/lib/bournemouth/> [Accessed 25 April 2010]

This book is about those queens and royal women who met bad ends. It is a collection of short biographies of the royal woman arranged chronologically. One of the biographies listed in this book is of Cleopatra VII which gives an overview about the personality and skills of Cleopatra. It further portrays her suicide and the events that led to her end. It briefly explains the events that occurred in the queen's short life.

3. Whitehorne, J., 1994. *Cleopatras*. London: Rout ledge. Available from:
<http://site.ebrary.com/lib/bournemouth/> [Accessed 01 May 2010]

In this book the author has mainly focused on Cleopatra's suicide. The author has discussed few theories postulated for her suicide and has then explained the most convincing theory. This book tells us that Cleopatra's suicide by asp is the most convincing theory.

4. Jones, P.J., 1971. *Cleopatra: A Sourcebook*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press.
Available from:
http://books.google.co.uk/books?id=GQZB28EegT4C&lpg=PP1&dq=cleopatra&as_brr=3&pg=PP1#v=onepage&q&f=false [Accessed 30 April 2010]

A sourcebook based on Cleopatra which describes the events that led Cleopatra to marry her younger brother and then later on what made her involved with the two Roman generals. The author in this book highlights the lust Cleopatra had for power and throne which made her to have such relationships. It further gives an idea about how she used her intelligence and charm to seduce men.

FILMS

1. *Cleopatra*. 1963. Film. Directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz. USA: Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation. Available from: <http://www.youtube.com> [Accessed 10 April 2010]

The movie showcases life of Cleopatra and the events that occurred in her life after she got the throne of Egypt with the help of Julius Caesar. It mainly focuses on that period of her life where she is involved with the two Roman generals. It gives an idea about how she seduced men and then ended up her life by committing suicide.

JOURNALS

1. Frost, B., 2002. *Cleopatra*. 6(11), 86. Available from: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=7583886&site=ehost-live> [Accessed on 02 May 2010]

The document is a biography of Queen Cleopatra. It looks at her life as an intelligent ruler, her relationships with the Romans and her death. This document tells us more about the queen as a skilled ruler and great personality.

VIDEOS

1. National Geographic Channel.2010. *Egypt Unwrapped: The Real Cleopatra*. Available from: http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/series/egypt-unwrapped/3911/Videos/06246_00 [Accessed 05 May 2010]
2. National Geographic Channel.2010. *Egypt Unwrapped: The Real Cleopatra*. Available from: http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/series/egypt-unwrapped/3911/Videos/06203_00 [Accessed 05 May 2010]

The above two videos tells more about Cleopatra besides her seducing traits. It is different from the legendary stories of Cleopatra. She is still a mystery to be revealed and scientist believes that there is much more to know about Cleopatra as a queen

rather than a seductress. The video put forward some facts about Cleopatra as a ruler based on the inscriptions of the Temple of Dendera. This video tells us that Cleopatra did political alliances in order to protect her country from Romans.

3. BBC ONE. 2008. *Cleopatra: Portrait of a Killer*. Available from: <http://www.youtube.com> [Accessed 05 May 2010]

This video is based on the discovery of Cleopatra's sister, Arsinoe's tomb. This documentary reveals the story of a queen who murdered her own siblings for power. This video is a dramatization and is based on the facts based on the skeleton which is believed to be of Princess Arsinoe. It also features interviews with archaeology team who discovered the tomb. This video tells us more about the queen's darker side and her hunger for power.

WEB SOURCES

1. http://www.credoreference.com/entry/routafricanhistory/egypt_ancient_ptolemaic_dy_nasty_historical_outline

The article gives a brief historical outline of the Ptolemaic dynasty of ancient Egypt.

2. http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/online_tours/egypt/cleopatra_history_to_myth/cleopatra_of_egypt_from_histo.aspx

This online website of British museum displays the artifacts collection related to Cleopatra. Some of these artifacts include statues, sculpture, paintings, coins etc.

3. <http://www.metmuseum.org/>

The online website of Metropolitan Museum of Art also displays the artifacts collection related to Cleopatra.

4. http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/opencollection/exhibitions/751/Cleopatras_Egypt%3A_Age_of_the_Ptolemies/image/2443/Cleopatras_Egypt%3A_Age_of_the_Ptolemies_|_10071988 - 01021989|. Installation view.

An exhibition displaying images from the exhibition "Cleopatra's Egypt: Age of the Ptolemies" held at Brooklyn museum.

5. <http://www.drhawass.com/>

The above link is for the website of internationally renowned Egyptologist Zahi Hawass. The webpage displays the research work and discoveries made by him. He is working in collaboration to find the tomb of Cleopatra and Marc Antony. The website reflects the progress done by him in collecting facts and information about Cleopatra from the ancient temples of Egypt. The archaeologist believes that Cleopatra's tomb may be hidden in the temple of Taposiris Magna.

6. http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/cleopatra.shtml

This website gives a brief overview of the legendary queen.

7. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>

The above webpage has got news related to the discoveries made and the research done on Cleopatra. The link is useful as it displays information on Cleopatra's sister and mother. Thus, it tells us more about the ethnicity of Cleopatra's mother as little is known about her. It also put forward an article based on the images of Cleopatra found on the coins.

OTHER RESOURCES

1. Visit to British Museum

The visit to British Museum was quite helpful in getting more information about the Egyptian dynasties, The Ptolemaic period, The Hellenistic age, Influence of Rome on Egypt and the artifacts collection of Cleopatra.