Name of the Tool	**Ancient History Encyclopedia**
Home Page	
Logo	ANCIENT HISTORY ENCYCLOPEDIA
URL	http://www.ancient.eu/
Subject	History-Encyclopedias
Accessibility	Free
Language	English
Publisher	Mark Cartwright, Publishing Director.
Brief History	Ancient History Encyclopedia was founded in 2009 by Jan Van Der Crabben. As a designer of historical computer games, Jan realized that the internet was missing a reliable and comprehensive resource for ancient history information. Most information was either scattered across various websites and was nearly illegible due to bad presentation, or had a distinct nationalistic agenda. At the same time he had the idea that history is not linear (as it is taught in most school coursebooks), but rather a very parallel type of story, where everything is interlinked. After much programming on a netbook, the site was launched to the public in August 2009. Since then, it has grown from a small history website to the largest and most popular website on ancient history on the internet.

Scope and Coverage

The encyclopedia provides articles, definitions, blogs, links, videos, images, book reviews on various history topics. The following list gives the idea about main categories:

Religion & Mythology
States & Cultures
People
Places
Art & Architecture
Daily Life
Philosophy & Science
Warfare & Battles
Time Period

All the above mentioned main categories may also be found under following regions:

Mediterranean
Middle East
Africa
South Asia
Americas
East Asia
Northern Europe

The encyclopedia gives articles on various history topics. As for example: “Hermes”, “Mythology”, “Ancient Egyptian Religion” from **Religion & Mythology** category, “The Phoenicians - Master mariners”, “Harappa: An Overview of Harappan Architecture and Town Planning” are from **States & Culture** category.

The encyclopedia gives review of books like “Lost World of The Golden King: In Search of Ancient Afghanistan”, “The First Emperor: Selections from The Historical Records (Oxford World's Classics)”, “Zenobia - Birth of a Legend” etc.

It gives history related videos. These are “The Search For El Dorado: Muisca Culture (bbc 1998)”, “Sarah Parcak: Archeology From Space”, “Jacob Wright: The Oldest Reference to Israel”, “#Metkidsâ€”How Can I Recognize Ancient Greek Architecture?” etc.

It also gives links to various other sites for giving information on various history topics. As for example the “In Search of Alexander The Great” is taken from www.touregypt.net. By clicking on the title we can go to the webpage where from the topic is taken.

The encyclopedia also gives definitions on history topics. (As for example the definitions of Set (Egyptian god), The Vedas, and Mythologyare included.).

	The encyclopedia includes 893definitions, 487articles, 4,084illustrations, 541videos, 8,392references, 4,174tags, 62,520 registered users.
Kind of Information	Main subjects give definitions, blogs, articles, links, videos, books, images on that particular subject area. As for example, the category or subject named "Religion & Mythology" gives articles along with definitions of various terms related to that category. The "People" category includes articles, definitions, books (review of the books related to that category). The article includes information on that topic along with bibliography, sometimes includes list of related books, images, maps, newsletters (for providing the article via mail to the readers of the article) etc. As for example the category "Art & Architecture" includes article named "Sumerian Civilization: Inventing the Future" which gives a long information on Sumerian Civilization along with coloured images, maps, bibliographical references, news letter. This category includes definitions on that topic named "Roman Sculpture" and "Francois Vase". The entry "Roman Sculpture" gives definition on that topic, evaluation of Roman Sculpture, coloured images of that sculptures, bibliography, related books ("The Oxford Handbook of Roman Sculpture", "Roman Sculpture from London and the South-East" etc.). Both the articles and the definitions are provided with the names of the writers along with the date of publication.
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	➢ Under ETC category in the home page there are Travel, Culture, Photos, Exhibition, Interviews, Education options which include illustrated descriptions of famous historical places, cultural phenomena and the like.
Arrangement Pattern	The main categories and the articles under main categories are arranged content wise. The main page of the encyclopedia includes options like “Search”, “Index”, “Timeline”, “Maps”, “Explore”, “Shop”, “Membership”, by which it provides information on various topics in history. The “Search” option is for searching the encyclopedia, “Index” option is for the browsing the collections from an alphabetic list, “Timeline” option is for searching through the entire ancient history timeline by specifying dates one wants to search, and keywords one is looking for. “Maps” option is for searching through the map for a particular place. “Explore” option is for selecting a region of the world to explore the world region wise. Index mainly represents all the information found in this encyclopedia in alphabetic order. For example, under the alphabet “A”, various entries starting with this alphabet likeAbu Simbel, Achaean League, Achaemenid Empire, Achilles etc. are arranged in alphabetical sequence. In the search bar if one click on the magnifying glass sign one can find the filters for refining the search. There are various subjects to choose like Religion and Mythology, States and Culture, People, Places etc. There are also various regions like Middle East, Africa, Mediterranean etc. By choosing one particular subject or one region one can enter into the realm of detailed information on that chosen areas. If one chooses the Religion and Mythology subject and the Mediterranean region at the same time then information on the religion and mythology of the Mediterranean region (like articles on the deities like Hermes, Isis, Demeter and the like) is found.
Remarks	This history encyclopedia gives highest-quality history content to the world's history enthusiasts, teachers, and students for free. Its enormous compass truly justifies its encyclopedic stature. The colourful presentation of famous historical phenomena makes this tool an unparalleled subject encyclopedia to every history lover.
Comparable Tools	➢ Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page) ➢ Britannica.com (http://www.britannica.com/)

	➢ Encyclopedia.com (http://www.encyclopedia.com/) ➢ The Internet Encyclopedia of History (http://www.daviddarling.info/encyclopedia_of_history/encyclopedia_of_history.html) ➢ An Encyclopedia of World History (http://www.localhistories.org/) ➢ Hyper History Online (http://www.hyperhistory.com/online_n2/History_n2/a.html)
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