

His 2500, Spring 2012, **Assignment 5. The Reference Work.**

"[T]he reference shelves of the library are the real training ground of the researcher."
–Jacques Barzun and Henry F. Graff, *The Modern Researcher*, 5th ed. (1992), 68

Find three works in Reference Room of Booth Library (one may be an online site—not Wikipedia [not because it is wrong, but because you already know about it] or library catalogs) to establish six points of context of the subject below (preferably not those noted in Ogborn or ODNB). Cite reference works and online reference works according to Turabian (<http://ux1.eiu.edu/~nekey/citebib.htm>) and write two paragraphs on points of context (Chicago Manual of Style note format from Zotero perfectly acceptable for this assignment). Conclude with a sentence-paragraph suggesting a possible research question about this “world” suggested by the information discovered (the previous two paragraphs). Note: we meet in 2691 CH, but then walk over to the Reference Room, Booth, 6 Feb. **Due Feb. 8.**

1. Ogborn, ch. 3
 - a. The Chesapeake World of John Smith and Powhatan (early 17th century)
 - i. Bays, Bird, Cornwell
 - b. The London World of Rebecca Wolf (Pocahontas) and John Rolfe (early-to-mid 17th century)
 - i. Hostettler, Johnson, Kidwell
 - c. The Massachusetts World of John Sassamon and Robert Keayne (Ogborn, ch. 5, mid-to-late 17th century)
 - i. Leopold, Mack
 - d. The New France (Canada)/Mohawk/Huron World of Eunice Williams (Marguerite) (early 18th century)
 - i. McReynolds, Morrow
2. Ogborn, ch. 4
 - a. The Coromandel Coast (Madras) World of Kasi Viranna and Streynsham Master (late 17th century)
 - i. Niemann, Proffitt
3. Ogborn, ch. 5
 - a. The West Africa (The Gambia, Sierra Leone) World of La Belinguere and Richard Oswald (late 17th to mid 18th centuries)
 - i. Rees, Shimer

- b. The Caribbean (Leeward Islands–St. Kitts, Montserrat, etc.) World of William Freeman (late 17th to early 18th centuries)
 - i. Sieben, Stanford, Steinmetz
4. Others (note the individual biography in the Online Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, available through Booth)
 - a. The Ottoman Empire World of Sir Paul Rycout (1629–1700, late 17th century)
 - i. Templin, Wilwers
 - b. The Persian World of Sir John (Jean) Chardin (1643–1712, late 17th century)
 - i. Yazbec, Zarate

The Modern Researcher lists 9 types of reference works:

1. Encyclopedias
2. Biographical Dictionaries
3. Indexes to Periodicals
4. Dictionaries of Quotations, and Concordances
5. Atlases and Gazetteers
6. Chronologies or Books of Dates
7. Language Dictionaries
8. Handbooks and Source Books
9. Bibliographies

The Reference Room is divided by Library of Congress Call numbers (which start with letters paradoxically); among those that are relevant:
D – World History and History of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Etc.
E – History of the Americas
F – History of the Americas
G – Geography. Anthropology

Example of a relevant reference work at Booth Library: Jeremy Black and Roy Porter, eds., *A Dictionary of Eighteenth-Century World History* (Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1994). [Booth Library Reference Room, D286 .D53 1994]