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The British Museum

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The designers of this site have created an online resource that provides access to the world's history in a convenient manner for all researchers.

The main menu of this site is located at the top of each Web page. The menu includes links to several pages, including "Explore," "Research," and "Learning." The "Explore" page contains information related to the museum's themes, highlights, cultures, online tours, galleries, young explorers, and a history of the world. One can explore online tours related to the continents or various countries from around the globe. For example, clicking on the "Europe" link takes you to information and images of objects ranging from Michelangelo's drawings to coins used by the Vikings.

The "Research" page is a useful starting point for any user of this site. It includes a link to "Search the collection database." This database provides access to more than 1.8 million objects in the museum's collection. Of these, more than 500,000 are represented by one or more images within this database.

The "Learning" page is valuable for students of all ages, providing resources for teachers, adults, and children. The resources for teachers include a page with ideas for the classroom and visits to the museum. The page even breaks down the resources by primary and secondary students. "Web resources" offers access to excellent sites on ancient civilizations, including Egypt, China, India, and more.

The site's overall design is easy to navigate, considering the breadth of resources that it contains. A search box located at the top-right corner of the Web site's banner allows one to start a search from any page on the site. In addition, there is a "site map" link located within the footer of each page to allow easy searching across the site.

The British Museum's Web site's ease of use and access to an extraordinarily rich variety of information makes it a premier online resource for world history.—*Tom Sommer, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, thomas.sommer@unlv.edu* 

The British Museum. Access: <http://www.britishmuseum.org/>.

If you are interested in the history of Great Britain, then look no further than the British Museum Web site. The British Museum site is a portal into the collections of one of the great museums of the world, designed for all ages and levels of interest.