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# Beliefs, rituals and funerary practices in Ancient Egypt

## Student research guide

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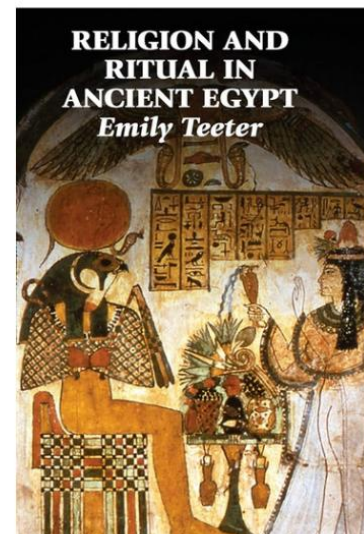
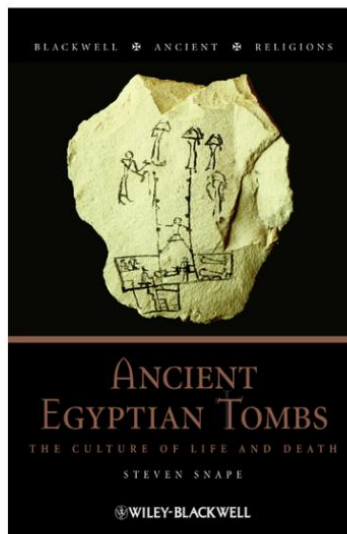
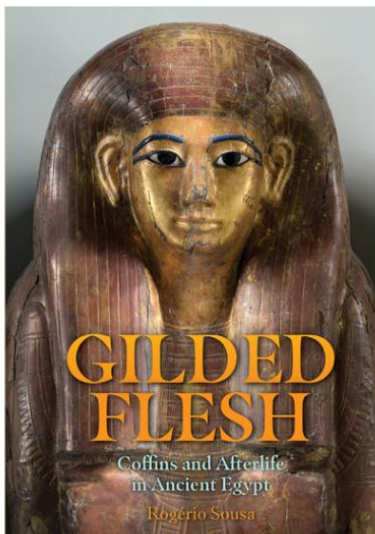
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The screenshot shows the Oxford Reference website interface. At the top, the title "Oxford Reference" is displayed in a large, blue font. To the right of the title is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon. Below the title, there is a navigation bar with "Subject" and "Reference Type" dropdown menus, and "My Content (1)" and "My Searches (4)" links. The main content area features a large image of the "The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt" book set. To the right of the image, the title "The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt" is displayed in a large, bold font. Below the title, the editor's name "Donald B. Redford" is listed, followed by a list of awards and honors: "2002 Dartmouth Medal Winner", "2002 Association of American Publishers Best Multivolume Reference, Humanities", "2002 ALA/RUSA Outstanding Reference Source", "2001 Library Journal Best Reference", and "2001 Choice Outstanding Academic Title". To the right of the awards, there is a biographical note about Donald B. Redford, editor, stating he is a Professor of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies at Pennsylvania State University. Below the awards and biographical note, a short description of the encyclopedia is provided, mentioning that it features 600 original articles written by leading scholars and goes beyond the records of archaeology to make available what we know about the full social, political, religious, cultural and artistic legacy of this 5,000-year civilization.

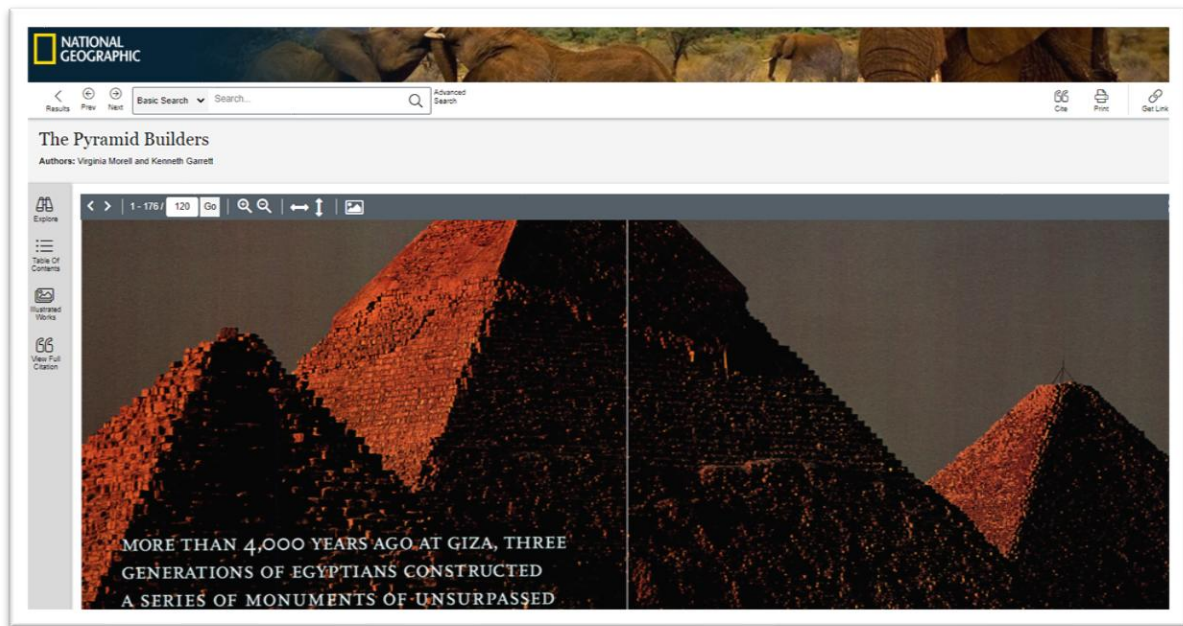
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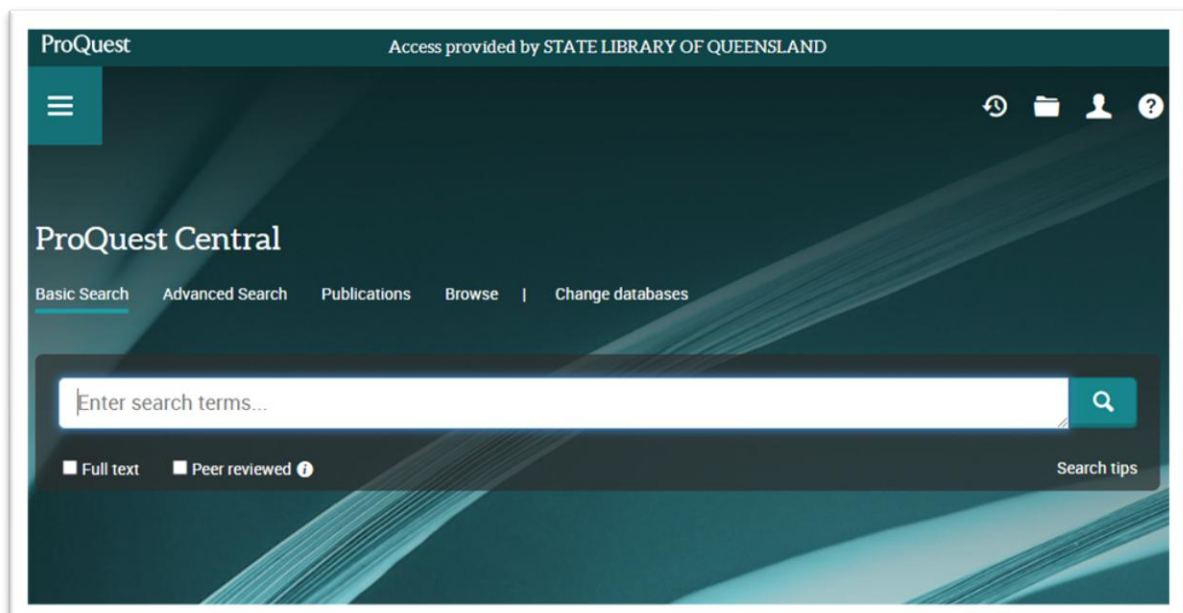
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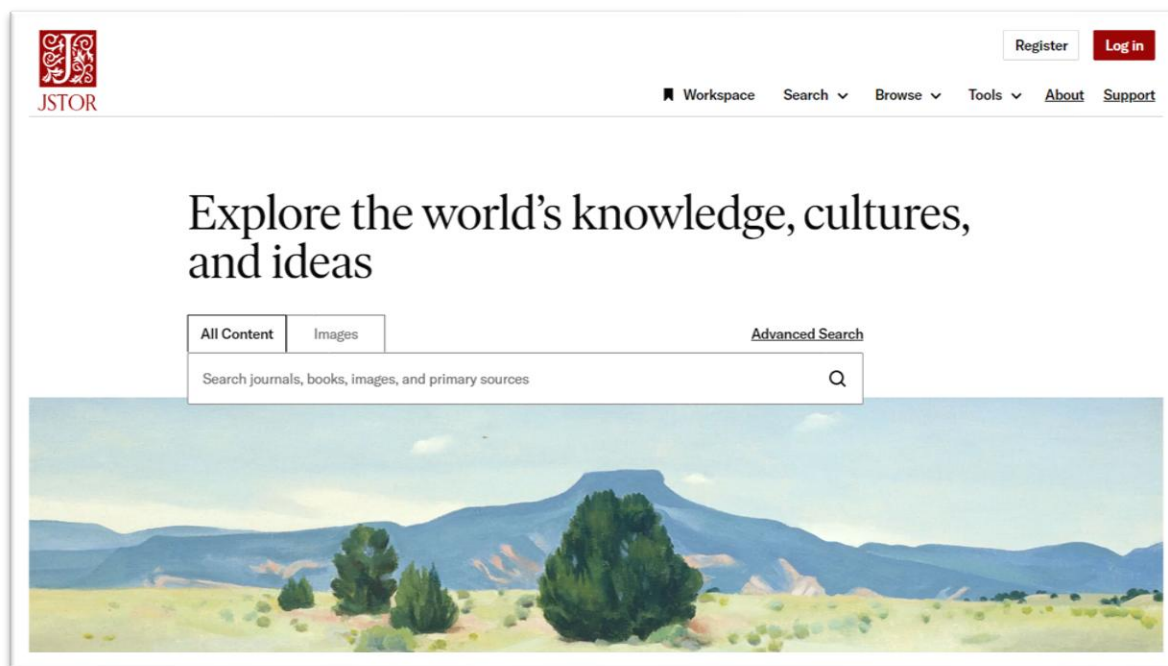


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