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THE COLLECTIONS

Oxford Quick Reference: A foundational service with 180+ core Oxford Dictionaries featuring short entry content (subscriptions available for libraries and individuals)

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KEY FACTS

Up-to-Date Entries: A monthly updating program checks and revises *Quick Reference* entries for top levels of accuracy and timeliness

Historic Timelines: The site features 270 historic timelines organized by time period, area, and theme, with each event linked to a free entry in *Oxford Reference*

Notable Quotations: *Oxford Essential Quotations* is always unlocked and accessible to global users

1. QUICK SEARCH OR BROWSE

1 Quick search by keyword from the homepage

2 Browse 22 subject areas including Art & Architecture, Music, and Science & Technology

3 Browse by reference type: Overview Pages, Subject Reference, Timelines, Quotations, and Language Dictionaries

4 View content you can access with your subscription, browse entries and books, and download a full title list

5 Explore by subject area

6 See what's new to *Oxford Reference* in the news section

The screenshot shows the Oxford Reference website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: About, News, Subscriber Services, Contact Us, Help, For Authors, and Personal Profile. The main header features the 'Oxford Reference' logo and a search bar with a magnifying glass icon. Below the header, there are two tabs: 'Subject' (highlighted with a red '2') and 'Reference Type' (highlighted with a red '3'). To the right of these tabs are 'My Content (0)' and 'My Searches (0)'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Signed in as:** OXFORD, with an 'AUTOMATICALLY SIGNED IN' status and a 'Search your library's resources' button.
- Sign in to an additional subscriber account:** A button to explore more content.
- Answers With Authority:** A section with the Oxford Reference logo and the website URL, followed by the text: 'Discover the best of Oxford University Press's reference titles on a dynamic digital platform'.
- Browse & search entries:** A section with three options: 'Browse & search books', 'Show books in my subscription' (highlighted with a red '4'), and 'Download a full title list'.
- Collection Options:** A section with three options: 'Quick Reference: Core Dictionaries with short-entry answers', 'Reference Library: In-depth Encyclopedias and Companions', and 'Free Research Tools: Historic Timelines, Essential Quotations, and Subject Overviews'. Below this is a link for 'FAQs: Libraries & Institutions'.
- Explore by Subject:** A section with a grid of images and the text: 'Discover the breadth of Oxford Reference's publishing by learning more about the titles and experts behind each distinct discipline. Select a panel to begin your research journey.' (highlighted with a red '5').
- Featured Title:** A section for 'Oxford Encyclopedias of the Islamic World: Digital Collection' (2022), with a description: 'An invaluable resource, The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World offers extensive comparative and systematic analyses of Islamic beliefs, institutions, movements, practices, and peoples on an international scale. The Digital Collection represents an online expansion of the project, featuring articles previously published on Oxford Islamic Studies Online, now exclusive on Oxford Reference... Read more >'.
- News:** A section with a red '6' and an RSS icon, containing three news items:
 - OCTOBER 27, 2022:** What's New: October 2022. This month two new Reference Library titles has been added to the site.
 - SEPTEMBER 22, 2022:** What's New: September 2022. This month one new Reference Library title has been added to the site.
 - AUGUST 18, 2022:** What's New: August 2022. This month one new Quick Reference edition has been added to the site.
- DID YOU KNOW?:** A section with an RSS icon and the text: 'What colour is the traditional French liqueur 'parfait amour'? View the answer'.

2. WORKING WITH SEARCH RESULTS

The screenshot shows the Oxford Reference search results page. At the top, there is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a '1' next to it. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs for 'Subject' and 'Reference Type'. The main content area displays a list of search results for 'Society and culture'. The first result is 'Berkshire Encyclopedia of World Sport (3 ed.)', followed by 'A Dictionary of Celtic Mythology', 'The Continuum Complete International Encyclopedia of Sexuality', and 'A Dictionary of African Mythology'. On the left side, there is a 'REFINE YOUR CHOICES' panel with several filters: 'REFINE TERMS' (All), 'BY AVAILABILITY' (Unlocked, Free, Restricted), 'BY REFERENCE TYPE' (Subject Reference), 'REFINE BY SUBJECT' (Art & Architecture, Language, Literature, Religion, Science and technology, Social sciences, Society and culture), 'BY CONTENT SET' (Quick reference, Reference library), and 'BY ILLUSTRATIONS'. A '2' is next to the 'Items per page' dropdown, and a '3' is next to the 'Print, save, email, or bookmark search results' button. A '4' is next to the 'REFINE TERMS' dropdown, and a '5' is next to the 'BY REFERENCE TYPE' dropdown. A '6' is next to the 'A Dictionary of Celtic Mythology' result.

1 Search within my subject specializations or full site

2 Customize how you view results; list chapters or books, sort alphabetically or by date

3 Print, save, email, or bookmark search results

4 Search within by entry title, book title, full text, bibliography, caption, person, contributor, or ISBN

5 Filter results by reference type, subject, content set, or illustrations

6 The unlocked symbol marks content you can access. Use the left hand panel to search only unlocked or free content

3. EXPLORING A TITLE

The screenshot shows the Oxford Reference entry page for 'A Dictionary of Celtic Mythology'. At the top, there is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a '1' next to it. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs for 'ALL CONTENTS' and 'ENTRIES'. The main content area displays the title 'A Dictionary of Celtic Mythology' by James MacKillop. Below the title, there is a brief description of the dictionary. On the right side, there is a bio for James MacKillop. Below the bio, there is a 'BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION' section with details about the publisher, print and online ISBNs, and publication dates. At the bottom, there is a 'Find Print Edition in Library' button. On the left side, there is a 'REFINE YOUR CHOICES' panel with several filters: 'REFINE TERMS' (All), 'BY AVAILABILITY' (Unlocked, Free, Restricted), 'BY REFERENCE TYPE' (Subject Reference), 'REFINE BY SUBJECT' (Art & Architecture, Language, Literature, Religion, Science and technology, Social sciences, Society and culture), 'BY CONTENT SET' (Quick reference, Reference library), and 'BY ILLUSTRATIONS'. A '2' is next to the 'ALL CONTENTS' tab, a '3' is next to the 'A-Z' navigation buttons, a '4' is next to the 'Items per page' dropdown, and a '5' is next to the 'Search within work' button.

1 Search within the text

2 Use the 'All Contents' tab to view the book's Front and End Matter

3 Navigate entries using the A-Z buttons

4 Customize how you view entries

5 Select an entry using the hyperlinked table of contents

SEARCH TIPS: You can limit or widen your search results by using these search rules

Searching for a phrase: To find an exact phrase, enter it in the search box surrounded by quotation marks.

Boolean operators: The available Boolean operators are AND, OR, NOT, and NEAR. Type them directly into the search box in capital letters between terms. *For example:* land NOT sea

Special characters: You do not need to enter accented letters in order to find words that contain accents.

Wildcards: A question mark (?) and asterisk (*) may be used to replace letters of which you are unsure.

? Represents a single letter. *For example:* Entering c?t will find cat, cut, and cot.

* May be used in place of one or more letters. *For example:* c*t will find cat, cut, and cot, but also carat, clot, chat, etc.