Monumental Statue of the Pharaoh Ramesses II Enthroned
Unknown Egyptian

Egypt, New Kingdom, 1279-1213 BC
Granodiorite, without base: 59 3/4 x 23 1/2 x 30 in. (151.8 x 59.7 x 76.2 cm)
base: 1 5/8 x 29 x 4 3/4 in.

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Ramesses II, known as Ramesses the Great, was celebrated for his military victories. He ruled Egypt for more than 60 years, building countless temples and monuments to his glory. Thousands of statues in his own image were created to proclaim his power and divinity. He was believed to be descended from the sun.

This Pharaoh Enthroned is exceptional for its association with one of Egypt's most important and famous rulers, grand yet elegant shape, and beautiful carvings.

Online Resources:
Hirsch Library Online Catalog
The Metropolitan Museum of Art Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History

Articles: (full-text access available on-site; off-site access available through your school library or Houston Public Library)

Print Resources:
Ramses II: An Illustrated Biography
The Complete Royal Families of Ancient Egypt
Egyptian Sculpture
Gifts for the Gods: Images from Egyptian Temples
Private Life in New Kingdom Egypt
Bibliography

General Surveys of Egyptian Art


Egyptian Civilization


Egyptian Rulers


Funerary Traditions in Ancient Egypt


Egyptian Art and Sculpture


This reference guide is just the tip of the iceberg on helpful resources in the library’s holdings. Many of the suggested resources above have their own bibliographies. Each of these may lead you to another resource that would also be helpful in your research here in the museum or in another library. To find additional resources, use keywords such as “Ramses II” and “pharaoh” in the online catalog and in periodical indexes. Once you find a few relevant titles, pay attention to the subject headings to identify similar materials. Examples of useful subject headings are:

- Art, Egyptian
- Art objects, Egyptian
- Egypt--Antiques
- Egypt--Civilization
- Egypt--History

For guidelines about writing it may be helpful to look at Sylvan Barnet’s *A Short Guide to Writing about Art*, which includes tips for looking, reading, and writing about art. Ask for it at the reference desk. At every stage of your work, please allow the library staff to help you. Contact us at 713-639-7325 or hirsch@mfah.org