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Just another www database?

Artefacts online

Encyclopedia of Archaeological Small Finds









so many objects... so many museums... so many publications...



so much reepublished material!





















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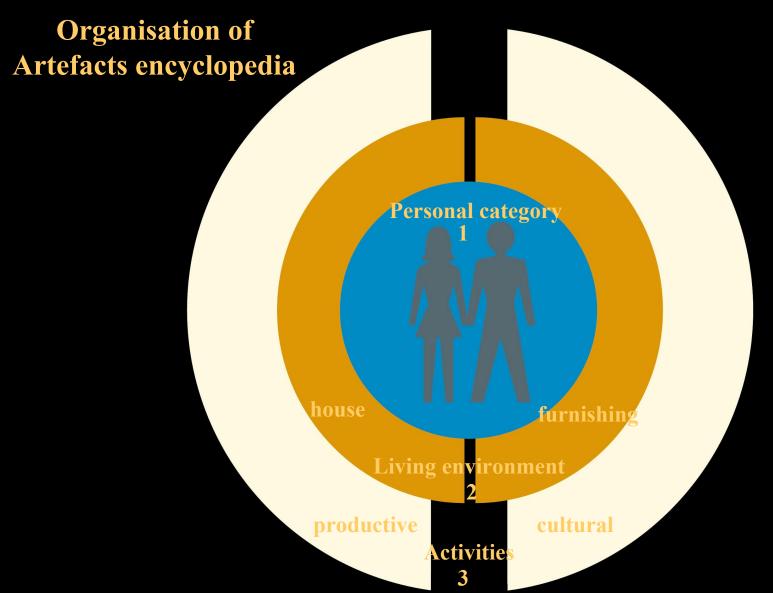
a Wikipedia-based tool for professionals and general audience

Free, not OA - Licence belongs to the data owner

- ✓ Consultation Free
 - i. simple consultation
 - ii. personal consultation
- ✓ Contribution Moderate Access
- Link between databases Moderate Access
 - i. https://finds.org.uk (PAS)
 - ii. <u>www.culture.gouv.</u> <u>fr/documentation/jocond</u>
 - <u>e</u>
 - iii. <u>www.europeana.eu</u>

- ✓ French, but multilingual
 - a. English
 - b. Spanish, Italian andGerman = Google
- ✓ Contributive project : professionals and volunteers







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Fibule rectangulaire émaillée

(FIB-6002)

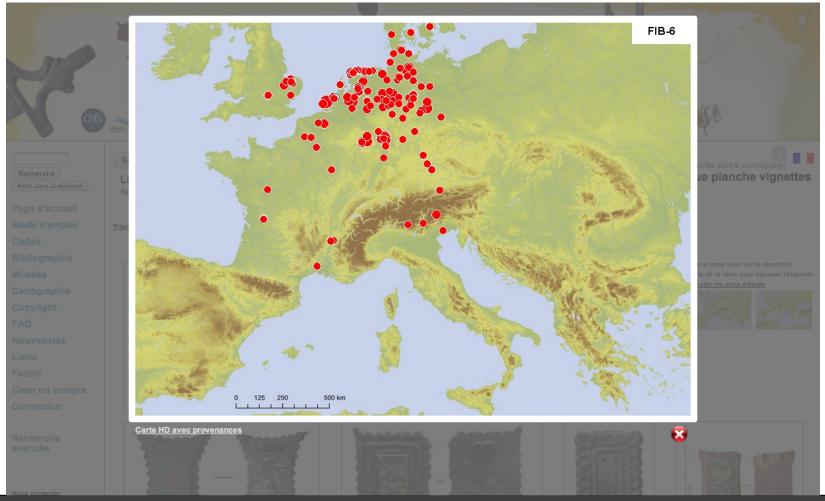
- 1. category code : FIB = Fibule
- 2. chronology code : 6 = 800-1250 AD
- 3. ID: 002 = enamelled rectangular brooch







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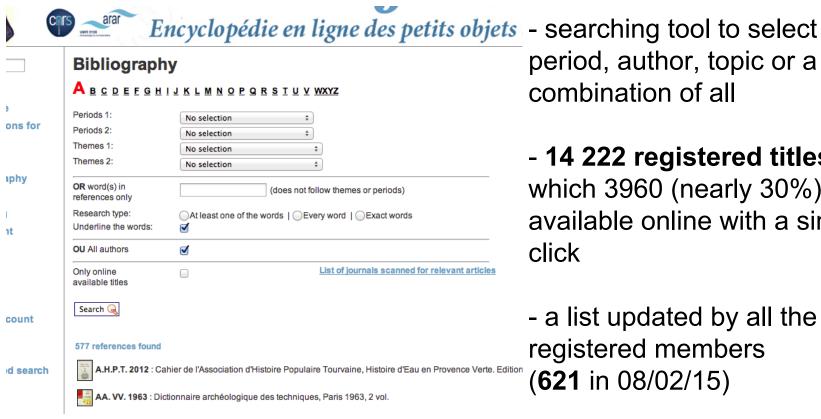
Mapping to study the material from a new point of view...

... or looking for parallels for a type of any period or region.





Specialized bibliography



- period, author, topic or a combination of all
- 14 222 registered titles, of which 3960 (nearly 30%) are available online with a simple click
- a list updated by all the registered members (**621** in 08/02/15)



Sharing data on archaeological small finds

Archaeologists (professionals and volunteers), a place to

- record their own data on archaelogical small finds
- map their data with others in a joined perspective
- study their data from a new perspective
- find literature on the topic of interest
- exchange with others researchers about their topic (forum)

Curator, a place to

- record museum data on archaelogical small finds
- record museum publications on archaelogical small finds
- find literature on archaelogical small finds
- exchange with specialised archaeologists for their inventory (forum)



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Science educators, teachers..., a place to

- 1. Find images and informations on archaelogical small finds
- 2. Find distribution maps of archaelogical small finds
- 3. Find literature on archaelogical small finds
- 4. Participate in a project on archaeology
- 5. Exchange with archaeologists and curators (forum)

General audience, a place to

- Find images on archaelogical small finds for decoration...
- 2. Find maps and information to prepare their journey...
- 3. Find literature on archaelogical sites



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Conclusion

1. What is Artefacts?

- a. an OA Encyclopedia online on archaeological small finds hosted by Maison de l'Orient et de la Méditerranée (MOM)
- b. a scientific project in constant progress linked with
 - i. Ariadne network
 - ii. Portable Antiquities Scheme

2. What can I find on Artefacts?

- a. 321 664 objects on 16 063 type files
- b. pdf/map tools, specialised bibliography and a forum

3. Who is the target user group of Artefacts?

- a. archaeologists, students and curators
- b. education professionals and the general public

Artefacts future development depends on its collaborators and users

4. What's next?

- a. continue entering data
- b. link between Artefacts and Europeana (other databases or encyclopedias?)
- c. tool developpement: chat

