Archer Library Scholarship Reflective Essay

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In writing my essay “The Influence of the Chorus in Aeschylus’ *Oresteia*: Visualizing ποιητικός & μίμησις,” written for Classical Studies 211 and taught by Dwayne Meisner, the Archer library was a crucial resource for my studies. While preparing information to write this 18-page essay, I made use of the library’s many resources such as the online databases, loaning physical books, and using the interlibrary loaning system in order to get a book necessary for my research. Because of the length of this paper and the complex topic, extended research was required in order to find the specific information I needed to write about the themes of Greek tragedy. When I am writing a large essay such as this one, I find it useful to speak with one of the librarians about what sources would be most appropriate. The library staff are always happy to assist me in finding the right books and articles, as well as helping me get a book I need through interlibrary loan. This essay required specific resources that explained the plays in their original ancient Greek language, and with the help of the librarians I was able to find an article with exactly the information I needed about how the plays were translated from Greek to English. The library staff also helped me in properly citing this paper as I was using a citation format that was unfamiliar to me. Although not all of the books I loaned and articles I read made it on the bibliography, each resource that was provided to me by the library and the assistance that the librarians provided allowed me to write my essay on the trilogy of plays, the *Oresteia*, by ancient Greek playwright Aeschylus. I am very proud of the final result of this essay (and, of course, the grade it received) and I could not have done without the Archer Library’s resources and staff.