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Literature and Criticism

DATABASES

Available from the Electronic Resources menu.

Literature Resource Center

Provides access to biographies, bibliographies, and critical analyses of more than 120,000 authors from every time period and literary discipline. Other features include explications and overviews of prominent literary works; links to 5,000 Web sites focusing on major authors and their works; literary-historical timelines; and 2,300 author portraits. Also includes **MLA International Bibliography**, which consists of citations pertaining to literature, language, linguistics, and folklore and provides access to scholarly research in nearly 4,000 journals and series.

Literary Index

Gale's Literary Index is a master index to the Gale print series on literary biography and literary criticism. It indexes author names (including pseudonyms and variant names) and titles, and provides citations to the print series. The print volumes contain complete biographies on authors and critical essays on their writings. *NOTE: The Gale print series titles are located in the Sherman Library Reference collection; use NovaCat to locate call numbers.*

JSTOR

Archival database provides full-text of over 400 scholarly journals in various disciplines, including anthropology, Asian studies, ecology, economics, education, finance, history, mathematics, philosophy, political science, population studies, and sociology. Includes full text from volume 1 to issues published between 2-5 years ago. Does not include recent issues.

Humanities Full-Text

An index of articles in the humanities. Covers 500 periodicals in archaeology, art, classics, film, folklore, journalism, linguistics, music, the performing arts, philosophy, religion, world history, and world literature. Full text of selected periodicals (150 titles) begins in January 1995. Coverage: 1984 to present. Updated: monthly.

Project Muse

Full text for nearly 300 journals in the fields of literature and criticism, history, the visual and performing arts, cultural studies, education, political science, gender studies, and many others. Coverage varies; earliest is 1993.

Essay and General Literature

Bibliographic citations for essays and articles contained in collections of essays and miscellaneous works published in the U.S., Great Britain, and Canada. Focuses on the humanities and social sciences.

ProQuest Research Library

Covers 1,500 general and academic journals, as well as *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA TODAY* and *Barron's*, many of which are available in full text or full image. Coverage: 1987 to present. Updated weekly.

Academic OneFile

Provides citations and abstracts for articles from over 7,400 primarily peer-reviewed journals in science, technology and medicine, as well as the humanities, social sciences, and more. Full text is available for 3,300 of the journals. Also includes podcasts and transcripts from NPR, CNN, and the CBC, as well as full text for *The New York Times*.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CALL NUMBERS:

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Literature (General)

PN 4699-5650

Journalism

PQ 1-3999

French Literature

PQ 4001-5999

Italian Literature

PQ 6001-8929

Spanish Literature

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English Literature

PS 1-3576

American Literature

PS 8001-8599

Canadian Literature

PT 1-4897

German Literature

PT 6500-6592.36

Afrikaans Literature

SUBJECT HEADINGS IN NOVACAT

For works about the history and criticism of a genre (type of literature):

<genre> history and criticism

For example: poetry history and criticism

For works about the criticism and interpretation of a particular author:

<author> criticism and interpretation

For example: Dickinson Emily 1830 1886 criticism and interpretation

For works about a particular work:

<author> <title of work>

For example: Conrad Joseph 1857 1924 Heart Of Darkness

SELECTED WEBSITES

Online Literary Criticism Collection

<http://www.jpl.org/div/litcrit/>

Links to critical texts (some are free).

Voice of the Shuttle – Literature in English

<http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=3>

Searchable meta-index of many websites of literary interest. (Note: To determine the birth and death years of the author, perform a subject heading search of the author's name.)

SELECTED PRINT RESOURCES

Benet's Reader's Encyclopedia -- Ref PN41.B4 1996

Brief entries for title of works, authors, historical figures, and more; international in scope.

Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable -- Ref PN43.B65 1989

Etymology of words and phrases that have interesting origins.

Contemporary Authors -- Ref PN451.C6

Bio-bibliographical information such as birth/death dates, education, and addresses. Use CA Cumulative Index (print) or Literary Index (database) to find out which volume(s) contains your author's information.

Dictionary of Literary Biography (DLB) -- Ref PN 451.D5

Each volume serves as a guide for a particular area of literature. Includes not just creative writers but other influential figures. Use the index at the back of each volume, Literary Index, or CA Cumulative Index.

Literary Criticism Index -- Ref PN523 .W4 (1984 and 1994)

Comprehensive index to published bibliographies.

Masterplots -- PN44 .M33 1996

"Plot stories and critical evaluations of the world's finest literature."

Masterplots II (located in various locations in Reference area; use NovaCat to find call #)

Series consists of short stories, world fiction, non-fiction, British and Commonwealth fiction, American fiction, drama, and poetry.

Merriam-Webster's Encyclopedia of Literature --Ref PN41 .M42 1995

Biographical data, plots, significance of works, major literary characters, literary terms, styles and movements, pronunciation key.

Use the **Literary Index** database for the following resources:

Contemporary Literary Criticism. Ref PN771 .C59

Short Story Criticism. Ref PN3373 .S386

Black Literature Criticism. Ref PS153.N5 B556

Shakespearean Criticism. Ref PR2965 .S44

Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism. Ref PN771 .T85

Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism. Ref PN761 .N56

Literature Criticism from 1400 to 1800. Ref PN86 .L56