




Resources for Literary Criticism - ENG 120

Library Website: <http://library.lehman.cuny.edu>



Finding Articles

- From the library homepage, click on "Electronic Databases" or "Find Articles" to search a wealth of databases indexing published articles. Below is a selected list of e-resources to use for your research.
- **IMPORTANT:** Some of the databases include the full-text of the articles. If you don't see an indication of full-text click on the  **Find it!** option to locate a journal article electronically or print. If you are not successful try searching [Find Electronic Journals by Title](#) and/or the [Find Books & Journal Titles in the Catalog](#) from the library homepage. See handout on finding journals for more information.
- You can access these databases off-campus (at home). You must first register your ID card at the Circulation Desk (1st floor). Select the database you wish to search. You will be prompted to type in your library number located on the front of your ID card.

Humanities Abstracts - Subjects covered include Archaeology, Area Studies, Art, Classical Studies, Communications, Dance, Film, Folklore, Gender Studies, History, Journalism, Linguistics, Literary & Social Criticism Literature, Music, Performing Arts, Philosophy, Religion and Theology Coverage: 1984-present

Literature Resource Center - Provides researchers access to biographical, bibliographical and contextual information from the *Contemporary Authors*, *Dictionary of Literary Biography*, *Contemporary Literary Criticism Select*, and the **MLA INTERNATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY** databases. Also available are more than 285,000 full-text journal articles, 38,000 critical essays, 122,000 author biographies, and the Merriam-Webster's Encyclopedia of Literature.

MagillOnLiterature Plus - is the definitive online source for editorially reviewed critical analyses and brief plot summaries of the most studied works in the history of literature. This database, which is compiled by Salem Press, contains all of *Masterplots and Masterplots II*, *Cyclopedia of World Authors*, *Cyclopedia of Literary Characters*, and *Magill's Literary Annual*.

ProjectMUSE - offers nearly 250 journal titles from 40 scholarly publishers. Project MUSE covers the fields of literature and criticism, history, the visual and performing arts, cultural studies, education, political science, gender studies, economics, and many others.

JSTOR - has created a full text digital archive of core scholarly journals with complete back runs of many titles. Arts and Sciences I, II, & III and Language and Literature.

Scribner Writer's Series - includes 15-20 page signed essays on more than 1,600 authors and literary genres drawn from 13 acclaimed Scribner print series.

Twayne's Author Series - contains the full text of 200 frequently used Twayne's Literary Masters books on individual World, US, or English authors, for a total of 600 full-text titles.

Gale Literary Index - Master index to the major literature resources published by Gale. *Contemporary Literary Criticism*, *19th Century Literary Criticism*, *Poetry Criticism*, etc.

Oxford Reference Online - This resource provides full-text access to 100 reference works published by Oxford University Press. Subject areas covered: art, biology, classics, English dictionaries and thesauruses, literature, modern languages, mythology and folklore, religion, theater, etc.

Columbia Encyclopedia - The Columbia Encyclopedia contains nearly 51,000 entries and with more than 80,000 hypertext cross-references

Academic Search Premier - Provides full text for nearly 3,180 scholarly publications covering academic areas of study including social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, engineering, language and linguistics, arts Et literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies.

MasterFILE Premier - provides information on a broad range of topics including general interest, business, health and multi-cultural. Includes searchable full text for nearly 1,860 journals, including Consumer Reports and Business Week with full text dating as far back as January 1990.

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1. [Southern Decadence](#). By: Hornby, Richard. Hudson Review, Spring2004, Vol. 57 Issue 1, p111, 7p; (AM 13242894) [Linked Full Text](#)

THE CITATION
Provides all the information needed for the bibliography, works cited or reference list.

Use a database to locate articles on a topic.

Type in your terms on the line(s) given. Use AND to narrow your search Use OR to expand your search

Too many hits? Try changing the default fields.

Some of your results may be available full-text. For others refer to handout on "Finding Journals at Lehman."

Literature Resource Center/MLA International Bibliography

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Author Search

Other Searches:

Title	Advanced	Literary-Historical Timeline
Keyword	Authors by Type	MLA International Bibliography with Directory of Periodicals

Use Literature Resource Center to locate biographical information and selected literature criticism excerpts from magazines, journals and books. Search by author, TITLE, or use the ADVANCED feature to search several criteria at once.

Use MLA International Bibliography to locate literary criticism articles in books and journals. MLA can be used to locate literary genres and concepts. For example: Symbolism and Poe (will find resources on Edgar Allan Poe's use of symbolism in his writing).

Literature Resource Center | HOME | Title Search | Keyword Search | Authors by Type | Advanced Search | Literary-Historical Timeline | MLA International Bibliography | Authors on the Highway | Encyclopedia of Literature

Search for Author:

Current Results | Your search, **Tennessee Williams**, returned results in the following categories:

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Tennessee Williams
(1911-1983)

Click on one or more of the tabs to explore the information contained in this database. Best choices Biographies; Literary Criticism... Additional Resources



Finding Books

1. Click on Find Books & Journal Titles in the Catalog from homepage
2. The catalog will default to Lehman College if you access it on campus. When you access the catalog from home, click on "Select Individual CUNY Libraries" to select Lehman.
3. You have two search options Keyword or Browse
 - a. Keyword (Use this option to search for two or three terms. For more advanced searching use GUIDED SEARCH)
 - i. Use AND to narrow your search
 1. Example - poetry AND criticism
 - ii. Use OR to broaden a search
 1. Example - poetry OR poets
 - iii. Use * (asterisk) or ? (Question mark) to truncate a term
 1. Example - poet* (searches for poet, poets, poetic, poetry)
 - b. Browse (Use this search option if you know what you are looking for)
 - i. Title - If a title begins with A, AN, or THE leave it out and begin with the next word
 1. Example - Grapes of Wrath
 - ii. Author - Search last name first
 1. Example - Williams Tennessee
 - iii. Subject - Searching for information about someone or a general topic
 1. Example - Poe Edgar Allan (will find information on this author)
 2. Example - poets, american

SEARCHING for BOOKS

KEYWORD SEARCHING
Use to search for broad terms.
Examples:
poetry and criticism Hispanic* and literature

BROWSE SEARCHING
TITLE to search for a title of a book or journal
Examples:
Mystery to a Solution
Journal of Modern Literature

AUTHOR to search for books written by the author
Example: Hemingway Ernest

SUBJECT to search for books about the author
Example: Poe Edgar Allan
(See image below)

Useful SUBJECT search terms in the library catalog:

- American literature
- American poetry - - History and criticism
- American poetry - - 20th century
- Hispanic Americans in Literature
- Poets, English
- Science Fiction

Also useful for locating criticism is searching for the authors' name as a subject: Useful subject heading to look for:

- Biography --Influence --Criticism and interpretation

Browse List: LC Subjects

No. of Recs	Entry
1	Poe, Edgar Allan 1809-1849 -- Chronology
1	Poe, Edgar Allan 1809-1849 -- Concordances
1	Poe, Edgar Allan 1809-1849 -- Correspondence
16	Poe, Edgar Allan 1809-1849 -- Criticism and interpretation
1	Poe, Edgar Allan 1809-1849 -- Dictionaries, indexes, etc.
2	Poe, Edgar Allan 1809-1849 Fall of the house of Usher
2	Poe, Edgar Allan 1809-1849 -- Fictional works
1	Poe, Edgar Allan 1809-1849 -- Homes and haunts -- Bronx (N.Y.)
1	Poe, Edgar Allan 1809-1849 -- Homes and haunts -- Bronx (New York City)
1	Poe, Edgar Allan 1809-1849 in fiction, drama, poetry, etc.



Print Resources

Located on the 1st floor in the Reference Area.

Poetry Criticism Reference - PN1010 .P499 Critical Survey of Poetry: English language series Reference - PR502 .C85 1982 The Bedford Glossary of Critical and Literary Terms Reference PN44.5 .M86 2003 Twentieth-century Literary Movements Dictionary Reference PN597 .T94 2000	Masterplots II. Poetry Quick Reference - PN1110.5 .M37 1992 Notable Poets Reference - PN1021 .N68 1998 Black Literature Criticism Quick Reference - PS153.N5 B556 1992 A Companion to Shakespeare's Works Reference PR2976 .C572 2003
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Selected Literary Criticism Web Sites

Source: Librarians' Index to the Internet - <http://lii.org>

Online Literary Criticism Collection

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

Links to over 4,000 critical and biographical resources dealing with American and British literature from pre-1500 to the twentieth century. Each link is annotated and can be accessed by author, work or literary period. The links are selected "for their overall usefulness" for high school and college students. A literary criticism guide and a pathfinder have been provided for further exploration of Web and print resources. From The Internet Public Library.

LitLinks

<http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/litlinks/>

Within the genres of fiction, poetry, essays, drama, and critical theory are lists of authors, each with a short list of annotated links to Web sites followed by a brief biography taken from one of the Bedford/St. Martin's reference texts. Additionally there are links to information on literary periods, from medieval to contemporary. Although some links may be broken, the many that work lead to authoritative information on the author or literary period.

Critical Reading: A Guide

<http://www.brocku.ca/english/jlye/criticalreading.html>

Designed for first year college students, this is a basic guide to what you might look for in analyzing literature, particularly poetry and fiction. For poetry, includes sections on genre, speaker, structure, setting, and imagery. For fiction, topics include plot, character, setting, figurative language, world-view. Also has a section on writing an analytical essay.

Librarians and Information Science - Suite101.com

http://www.suite101.com/welcome.cfm/librarians_information_science

Recent topics covered include "How to Find Literary Criticism on the Internet. Maintained by librarian Gillian Davis.

The Edgar Allan Poe Society of Baltimore

<http://www.eapoe.org/>

Topics range from standard bibliographical references and biography to Poe's family tree, appearance, religion, finances, and death. The selection of Poe's work includes at least one version of every surviving poem and tale; essays, lectures, and literary criticism; and all known letters, including fakes. Poe's life in Baltimore is chronicled with links to many historic sites and images. Links to other Poe-related organizations and Web sites complete this impressive source. Unanswered questions about Poe? Nevermore!

Voice of the Shuttle

<http://vos.ucsb.edu/>

Links to humanities and humanities-related resources on the Internet. Its mission has been to provide a structured and briefly annotated guide to online resources. VoS emphasizes both primary and secondary (or theoretical) resources, and defines its audience as people who have something to learn from a higher education, professional approach to the humanities (which in practice has included students and instructors from the elementary school, high school, and general population sectors).