

## RESEARCH SOURCES FOR

# LITERATURE

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## GETTING STARTED

Use one or more of the following sources to find out basic information about your author and/or work. Information such as the genre, time period, geographic location, ethnicity, and gender can help you locate additional resources.

- *Dictionary of Literary Biography (DLB)* Ref. PN451.D537
- *Literature Resource Center* database – type in your author’s name
- *Biographical-Critical Sources and Guides and Encyclopedias* listed in the Reference Sources section of this handout provide additional background information.

## DATABASES

### SEARCH TIPS

- To get to databases not listed on [www.gpc.edu/~dunlib](http://www.gpc.edu/~dunlib) homepage, go to GALILEO and either type in first few letters of database name or use the “Databases A-Z” tab.
- Use your author’s name or title of the work as search terms. Other search terms you may use include *criticism* and *review*.
- Use *and*, *or*, and *not* to connect search terms.
- Use quotation marks to search for a phrase (e.g. “Catcher in the Rye”)
- Click on “Help” or “Search tips” to find out more information about searching a specific database.

### EBSCOHost Databases

**Academic Search Premier** — General database that includes newspapers, magazines, and academic journals as early as 1975, many in full text.

**MLA International Bibliography** — Arts and humanities journals from 1963 to present. Some are full text, most are indexed.

**MasterFile Premier** — Reference publications, including biographies and images.

- *Combine Searches in EBSCOHost databases by selecting the “Choose databases” tab and marking the databases you wish to include.*

### Other Databases

**Literature Resource Center** — Full text criticism, articles, and biographies.

**JStor** — Academic Journals from date of first publication (Good source for older material)

- May limit to “Language and Literature” journals in Advanced Search
- Default search is full text.

**Project Muse** — Full text articles from scholarly humanities, arts, and social sciences journals

- Search options include “title reviewed” (in dropdown box next to search term)

### Additional databases:

GALILEO homepage ► “Arts and Humanities” tab ► Literature, Language & Criticism

## PRINT SOURCES

- In the GIL Catalog ( [gil.gpc.edu](http://gil.gpc.edu) ) use your author's name or title of the work as keywords or subject headings.
- In addition to full works of criticism about the work/author, sources that focus on the work's genre or the author's time period, geographical location, gender, etc. may include a section about your author/work.
- Works not available on our campus may be requested through intercampus loan, GILExpress, or Interlibrary Loan. To locate works available through GILExpress, use the GIL Universal Catalog ( [giluc.usg.edu](http://giluc.usg.edu) ).
- Call numbers prefaced with "Ref." are reference-only and are located on the main floor of the library. Circulating materials are located on the lower floor and may be checked out.

## SELECTED REFERENCE SOURCES

### I. BIOGRAPHICAL-CRITICAL SOURCES

provide background information and some criticism of an author's work

WORLD AUTHORS	
Contemporary Authors *	Ref. Z1224.C58 (First floor)
Contemporary Dramatists	Ref. PR737 .C57 1993
Contemporary Novelists *	Ref. PR883.C64 2001
Contemporary Poets *	Ref. PR603.C6 1996
Cyclopedia of World Authors	Ref. PN451.M36 1997
Dictionary of Literary Biography (DLB) *	Ref. PN451.D537
Great Women Writers	Ref. PN471.G74 1994
Latin American Writers *	Ref. PQ7081.A1 L37 1989
Modern Black Writers	Ref. PN841.M58 2000
Multicultural Writers since 1945	Ref. PN452.M88 2004
World Authors (various years)	Ref. PN451.W3 to .W676
St. James Guide to Fantasy Writers *	Ref. PN3435.S715 1996
Supernatural Fiction Writers	Ref. PN3435.S96 2003
Science Fiction Writers *	Ref. PS374.S35 S36 1999
Twentieth Century Science Fiction Writers	Ref. PS372.S35 T89

AMERICAN AUTHORS	
African American Dramatists	Ref. PS338.N4 A69 2004
African-American Writers * (Scribners)	Ref. PS153.N5 A344 1999
African American Writers (Facts on File)	Ref. PS153.N5 B214 2004
American Authors 1600-1900	Ref. PS21.K8
American Women Writers	Ref. PS147.A4
American Writers *	Ref. PS129.A55
American Writers Before 1800	Ref. PS185.A4 1983
Contemporary American Ethnic Poets	Ref. PS153.M56 L56 2004
Contemporary Southern Writers	Ref. PS261.C569 1999
Contemporary Gay American Novelists	Ref. PS374.H63 C66 1993
Contemporary Gay American Poets and Playwrights	Ref. PS325 .C656 2003
Contemporary Poets, Dramatists, Essayists, and Novelists of the South	Ref. PS261.C568 1994
Encyclopedia of American Poetry: the 19th Century	Ref. PS316.E53 1998
Modern American Women Writers *	Ref. PS151.M54 1991
Latino and Latina Writers	Ref. PS153 .H56 L39 2004
Southern Writers: A Biographical Dictionary	Ref. PS261.S59

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**BIOGRAPHICAL-CRITICAL SOURCES (CONTINUED)**

<b>EUROPEAN AUTHORS</b>	
Ancient Writers: Greece and Rome	Ref. PA3002.A5 1982
British Authors Before 1800	Ref. PR105.K9
British Authors of the Nineteenth Century	Ref. PR 451.K8 1936
British Women Writers	Ref. PR111.B75 1989
British Writers *	Ref. PR85.B688
Encyclopedia of British Writers	Ref. PR421.E63 2005 <i>and</i> Ref. PR451 .E55 2005
Encyclopedia of Continental Women Writers	Ref. PN481.E5 1991
European Authors 1000-1900	Ref. PN451.K8
European Writers *	Ref. PN501.E9 1983
Greek and Latin Authors 800 BC-AD 1000	Ref. PA31.G7
Modern British Women Writers	Ref. PR116.M63 2002

**II. COLLECTIONS OF LITERARY CRITICISM**

<b>LITERARY CRITICISM BY PERIOD OR BODY OF LITERATURE</b>	
Black Literature Criticism (BLC)	Ref. PS153.N5 B556
Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism (CMLC)*	Ref. PN610.C53
Contemporary Literary Criticism (CLC) *	Ref. PN771.C59
Hispanic Literature Criticism	Ref. PQ7081.A1 H573
International Literature in English	Ref. PR9080.I57 1991
Literature Criticism from 1400 to 1800 (LC) *	Ref. PN86.L53 1984
Modern American Literature	Ref. PS221.C8 1969
Modern British Literature	Ref. PR473.T4
Nineteenth Century Literature Criticism (NCLC) *	Ref. PN761.N5
Shakespearean Criticism (SC) *	Ref. PR2965.S43 1984
Twayne Companion to Contemporary Literature in English	Ref. PS225.T88 2002
Twentieth Century Literary Criticism (TCLC) *	Ref. PN771.G27

<b>LITERARY CRITICISM BY GENRE</b>	
Critical Survey of Poetry	Ref. PN1021.C7 2003
Critical Survey of Short Fiction	Ref. PN3321.C7 2001
Drama Criticism (DC) *	Ref. PN1601.D59
Encyclopedia of the Essay	Ref. PN4500.E63 1997
Poetry Criticism (PC) *	Ref. PN1111.P63
Short Story Criticism (SSC) *	Ref. PN3373.S56

**III. ...FOR STUDENTS SERIES**

includes biographical information, criticism, and explanation of works

Drama for Students *	Ref. PN1601.D595
Novels for Students *	Ref. PN3365.N68
Poetry for Students *	Ref. PN1101.P756
Shakespeare for Students *	Ref. PR2987.S47
Short Stories for Students *	Ref. PN3373.S3844

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## IV. BIBLIOGRAPHIES OF CRITICISM

Bibliographies list resources found in other works

<b>BIBLIOGRAPHIES OF GENERAL CRITICISM</b>	
Articles on American Literature	Ref. Z1225.L49 to.L493
Articles on Twentieth Century Literature	Ref. Z6519.P66
Greek and Roman Authors	Ref. Z7016.G9 1982
Epic and Romance Criticism	Ref. Z7156.E6 C64
Literary Criticism Index	Ref. Z6511.W44 1994
Magill's Bibliography of Literary Criticism	Ref. Z6511.M25
Literary History of the United States	Ref. PS88.L522 1974

<b>BIBLIOGRAPHIES OF NOVEL AND SHORT STORY CRITICISM</b>	
American Novel: A Checklist Of 20th Century Criticism	Ref. Z1231.F4 G4
American Novel Explication 1991-1995	Ref. Z1231.F4 G58 1998
American Short- Fiction Criticism (1959-1977)	Ref. Z1231.F4 W43
Contemporary Novel	Ref. Z1231.F4 A34
Continental Novel: 1967-1980	Ref. Z5916.F57 1983
Continental Novel: 1900-1966	Ref. Z5916.K4
English Novel Explication	Ref. Z2014.F5 P26
Twentieth Century Short Story Explication	Ref. Z5917.S5 W35 1993

<b>BIBLIOGRAPHIES OF POETRY CRITICISM</b>	
American and British Poetry	Ref. Z1231.P76 A44 1984
Poetry Explication	Ref. Z2014.P7 K8
Guide to American Poetry Explication	Ref. Z1231.P7 L46 and R66
Guide to British Poetry Explication	Ref. Z2014.P7 M34 1991

<b>BIBLIOGRAPHIES OF DRAMA CRITICISM</b>	
American Drama Criticism	Ref. Z1231.D7 P3 1979
Drama Criticism	Ref. Z5781.C65
European Drama Criticism 1900-1975	Ref. Z5781.P2 1977
Guide to American Drama Explication	Ref. Z1231.D7 O84 1995
Guide to Critical Reviews	Ref. Z5781.S16



## V. OTHER HELPFUL SOURCES

GUIDES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS		
GENERAL	Benet's Reader's Encyclopedia	Ref. PN41.B4 1996
	Cyclopedia of Literary Characters II	Ref. PN44.M3 1990
	Explicator Cyclopedia	Ref. PR401.E9
	Merriam-Webster's Encyclopedia of Literature *	Ready Ref. PN41.M42 1995
	Reader's Adviser	Ready Ref. Z1035 .B47 1994
	Reference Guide to World Literature	Ref. PN524.R44 2003
DRAMA	Drury's Guide to Best Plays	Ref. PN1655.D78 1987
	Facts on File Companion to American Drama	Ref. PS330.F33 2004
	McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of World Drama	Ref. PN1625.M3 1984
POETRY	Encyclopedia of American Poetry	Ref. PS316.E53 1998
	Facts on File Companion to 20 <sup>th</sup> Century American Poetry	Ref. PS323.5 .F33 2005
	Thematic Guide to British Poetry	Ready Ref. PR502.G55 2002
SCI-FI/FANTASY	Anatomy of Wonder: A critical guide to Science Fiction	Ref. Z5917.S36 A52 2004
	Encyclopedia of Fantasy	Ref. PN3435.E53 1997
	Encyclopedia of Utopian Literature	Ref. PN56.U8 S66 1995
	Greenwood Encyclopedia of Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature	Ref. PS374.S35 G74 2005
	Supernatural Literature of the World	Ref. PN56.S8 S86 2005
OTHER GENRES/ERAS	Encyclopedia of Traditional Epics	Ref. PN56.E65 E64 1994
	Encyclopedia of World Lit. in the 20th Century	Ref. PN771.E5 1999
	Gay and Lesbian Literature	Ref. PN56.H57 G36
	Gay & Lesbian Literary Heritage	Ref. PN56.H57 G365 1995
	Encyclopedia of Feminist Literature	Ref. PN471.W455 2004
	Feminism in Literature – Authors & Topics	Ref. PN471.F43 2005
	Oxford Companion to Women's Writing in the U.S.	Ref. PS147.094 1995
	Encyclopedia of the Harlem Renaissance	Ref. PS153.N5 A24 2003
	Greenwood Encyclopedia of African American Literature	Ref. PS153.N5 G73 2005
	Harlem Renaissance: A Gale Critical Companion	Ref. PS153.N5 H245 2003

INDEXES TO LITERARY WORKS IN COLLECTIONS		
Columbia Granger's Index to Poetry	Ref. PN1022.G7	
Last Lines: An Index to the Last Lines of Poetry	Ref. PN1022.K55 1991	
Magill Index to Critical Surveys	Ready Ref. PN524.M34 1994	
Ottomiller's Index to Plays in Collections	Ref. Z5781.08 1988	
Play Index	Ref. Z5781.P53	
Scribner Writers Series Master Index	Ready Ref. PN451.S35 1998	
Short Story Index	Ref. Z5917.S5 S56 & .S5 C6	

LITERARY HANDBOOKS		
Concise Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms	Ref. PN41.C67 1990	
Dictionary of Literary Terms	Ref. PN44.5 S46	
Dictionary of Literary Terms & Literary Theory	Ref. PN41.C83 1998	
Dictionary of Poetry Terms	Ref. PN1042.M93 2003	
Glossary of Contemporary Literary Theory	Ref. PN44.5 H37 1998	
Handbook to Literature	Ready Ref. PN41.H6 1999	
Poetry Dictionary	Ref. PN1021.D78 1995	
Poet's Dictionary	Ref. PN44.P3 1989	

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**OTHER HELPFUL SOURCES (CONTINUED)**

<b>LITERARY SURVEYS AND PLOT SUMMARIES</b>	
Classics of Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature	Ref. PN3433.4.C565 2002
Critical Survey of Drama	Ref. PN1625.C73 and .C74
Critical Survey of Long Fiction	Ref. PN3451.C75 2000
Critical Survey of Poetry	Ref. PN1021.C7 and .C72
Critical Survey of Short Fiction	Ref. PN3321.C7
Literary Movements for Students	Ref. PN597.L58 2002
Literature and Its Times	Ref. PN50.L574 1997
Magill's Literary Annuals	Ref. Z1219.M33 1977-2005 Note: years 1977-1994 are shelved in reference overflow on the first floor
Magill's Survey of American Literature	Ref. PS21.M34 1991
Masterplots II. American fiction series	Ref. PS373.M37 2000
Masterplots II. British and Commonwealth fiction series	Ref. PR881.M39 1987
Masterplots II. Drama series	Ref. PN6112.5 .M37 1990
Masterplots II. Nonfiction series	Ref. PN44.M345 1989
Masterplots II. Poetry series	Ref. PN1110.5.M37 2002
Masterplots II. Women's literature series	Ref. PN471.M37 1995
Masterplots II. World fiction series	Ref. PN3326.M28 1987
Masterplots II: African-American Literature	Ref. PS153.N5 M2645
Masterplots II: Short Story Series	Ref. PN3326.M27 1986
Masterplots: 1801 Plot Stories and Critical Evaluations	Ref. PN44.M33 1996
Survey of Science Fiction Literature (also has bibliography of criticism)	Ref. PN3448.S45S88

