

LITERARY CRITICISM

WHERE IN THE WORLD DO I START LOOKING??

This is an introductory guide to reference information in Literary Criticism. In its general collection, the library owns many critical books on the work of prominent authors. **These materials are housed in the Main Library.** More sources of information can be found on Murrell Library's Web page at <http://www.moval.edu/library1> including online resources, eBooks, a list of full text journals, and MVC's online catalog (Quest). You can search for eBooks and books at MVC using Quest, or search for books at other Missouri academic libraries. Quest can be accessed via any computer that has Internet access.

Criticism: Search the online catalog under the author's name followed by the subheading: -- criticism. The library also contains three separate series of critical works on various authors. Search in the online catalog under the series titles listed below for a list of the authors covered:

REF PS 153 .N5 B556	Black Literature Criticism
REF PN 1009 .A1 C5139	Children's Literature Review
REF PN 771 .C59	Contemporary Literary Criticism
REF PN 86 .L56	Literature Criticism from 1400-1800
REF PN 761 .N5	Nineteenth Century Literature Criticism
REF PN 94 .T83	Twentieth Century Literary Criticism
REF PN 523 .W67	World Literature Criticism: 1500 to the present
REF PN 610 .C53	Classical & Medieval Literature Criticism
Series Title	Harold Bloom's Set of Critical Works (use Author Search: Bloom, Harold)
Series Title	Twayne Publishers Set of Critical Works (use Keyword Search: Twayne)
Series Title	Twentieth Century Interpretations

GENERAL AUTHOR BIOGRAPHIES

Series Title	American Writers
REF PS 490 .A98	Authors & Artists for Young Adults
REF PR 85 .B688	British Writers
REF Z 1224 .C6	Contemporary Authors
REF PN 451 .D5	Dictionary of Literary Biography
REF PN 451 .S6	Something About the Author (mostly authors and illustrators of young people's books)
REF PS 271 .T84	Twentieth Century Western Writers

SOURCES SPECIFIC TO POETRY, AND SHORT STORIES

REF Z 2014 .P7 C63	Contemporary Poets of the English Language
PN 1111 .C7	Critical Survey of Poetry
REF PN 1022 .G7	Granger's Index to Poetry
REF PN 1022 .H39	The Columbia Granger's Index to Poetry
REF PN 1010 .P499	Poetry Criticism
REF Z 5983 .F17 E2	Index to Fairy Tales, Myths, and Legends
REF Z 5917 .S5 T5	Short Fiction Criticism
REF Z 5917 .S5 C6	Short Story Index
REF Z 5917 .S5 W3	Twentieth Century Short Story Explication

PLOT SUMMARIES

REF PN 44 .M29 1-4 series Masterpieces of World Literature in Digest Form
 REF PN 6112.5 .M37 Masterplots II Drama Series (1990)
 REF PN 846 .M37 Masterplots II American Fiction Series (1994)
 REF PN 3326 .M27 Masterplots II Short Story Series (1996)

OTHER SOURCES

REF PN 44 .M34 Survey of Contemporary Literature
 REF PN 161 .W83 Writer's Market

PERIODICAL GUIDES & ONLINE RESOURCES (electronic databases)

Periodicals exist in many forms: their original paper form, bound materials, on microfiche, on microfilm, or in an online resource. The printed Literary Criticism related periodicals are housed in the Periodical Room located on the second floor of the Main Library. Microfiche and Microform are found in the Multimedia Room. Online resources can be accessed via the Library's web page. These online resources have both abstracts and some Full-Text articles that you can read online, print, or e-mail. Begin your search for a journal or magazine article by looking in the periodical indexes (across from the Periodicals) or in the online resources. Then check the List of Full Text Journals on the Library's web site for the exact location of the periodicals needed (if the full text is not available in online resources.)

Periodical Indexes:

REF Z 5813 .E23 Education Index, 1929-
 REF AI 3 .H85 Humanities Index, 1980-
 REF Z 7006 .M64 MLA International Bibliography of books & articles
 REF AI 3 .R4 Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature, 1890-

Online Resources: Britannica Online, Credo Reference, EBSCO, Education Full Text, Literature Online, Oxford English Dictionary Online, In The First Person, MLA Directory of Periodicals, MLA International Bibliography.

PERIODICAL SUGGESTIONS

PS 1 .A6, microfiche American Literature
 PN 2 .W55, EBSCOhost Contemporary Literature
 PE 1 .E5 & microfiche English Journal
 microfiche, EBSCOhost, Horn Book Magazine

Z 671 .L7, EBSCOhost, & Educ. Library Journal
 Full Text

PS 379 .M55, Literature Online Modern Fiction Studies
 with newspapers New York Review of Books (current issues
 in Reading Room)

EBSCOhost Publishers Weekly
 EBSCOhost & Educ. FT School Library Journal
 PR 1 .S82, EBSCOhost Studies in English Literature
 PN 3311 .S8, EBSCOhost Studies in Short Fiction
 PN 311 .S82 Studies in Novel
 PN 851 .C595 Comparative Literature

OTHER LITERARY SOURCES:

REF PR 85 .R33 Reader's Guide to Literature in English
REF PL 8010 .H38 African Authors
REF PR 111 .B57 Feminist Companion to Literature in English
REF PZ 5 .M38 Masterworks of Children's Literature

ADDITIONAL CRITICISM SOURCES:

REF PN 3321 .C7 Critical Survey of Short Fiction
REF PR 821 .C7 Critical Survey of Long Fiction
REF PN 3373 .S386 Short Story Criticism

QUOTATIONS:

REF PN 6080 .O95 Oxford Dictionary of Modern Quotations
REF PN 6081 .B3 Political Quotations