Literature Resource Center
User’s Guide

GaleNet

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Welcome to Literature Resource Center

Chapter 1

Welcome to Literature Resource Center

This chapter provides a brief introduction to Literature Resource Center, including:

- Highlights and features of Literature Resource Center
- How to use this manual
- Gale contact information
- Key concepts – standard product features, special tools to assist in your retrieval of Literature Resource Center information, and general search tips

Chapter 2 will build on this introduction to provide you with step-by-step instructions for using Literature Resource Center.

Please see the *Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide* for general information on GaleNet products, including how to access Literature Resource Center, navigate screens, work with Mark Lists and InfoMarks, use advanced search techniques, contact Gale Customer Support, and more. This guide is available from your Gale Representative or from the Gale web site at [www.gale.com/userguides](http://www.gale.com/userguides).
Discover a Vast Collection of Literary References at Your Fingertips

Explore a multidisciplinary approach to literature

Literature Resource Center (LRC) is a complete literature resource tool rich in biographical, bibliographical, and critical content. LRC is the premier Internet resource for information on literary figures from all time periods writing in such genres as fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, history, journalism, and more. LRC includes citations to criticism, explication, monographs, and Web sites and is augmented with full-text, excerpted, and commissioned critical material illuminating various oeuvres or eras. Users can explore biographical and critical information, historical context, social implications, and more – all in a single search query.

Find in-depth information on the most-studied authors

LRC has designated some 2,500 of the more than 120,000 available authors in the database as the “Most-Studied Authors” in the undergraduate and high-school curriculum. The Most-Studied Authors have been given in-depth biographical and critical coverage, including classification by nationality, ethnicity, genre, literary movement and time period, and literary theme. The list of authors was compiled by our staff of editors experienced with literature criticism and reviewed by an advisory panel comprised of librarians, scholars, and academic professionals. In future releases, more authors will be added to the list of most studied authors based on advisor recommendations and continuing developments in the literary community.

For an alphabetical listing of the Most-Studied Authors, access the online help files in LRC by clicking the Help button, then go to the “About the Literature Resource Center” page.

Applications

Whether your users need authoritative data on a broad range of literary figures and topics for academic research or for general information, Literature Resource Center assists:

- Students at the undergraduate and high-school level in conducting literary research for classroom discussions, homework, or reports.
Graduate assistants and professors by enabling them to mark documents, URLs, and bibliographic citations for remote access or on-site instruction using InfoMarks.

Individuals involved in book clubs, or those seeking general information about favorite authors and works.

Businesses (journalists, legal departments, etc.) by providing information on specific authors.

**Benefits**

The Literature Resource Center features a fully updated, intuitive interface – providing multiple pathways to key information for both novice and experienced searchers. Key features of Literature Resource Center include:

- **Tabbed Result Pages.** Features documents containing biographical, critical, and bibliographic information; plot overviews and explications of an author’s works; authoritative Internet resources on authors and their works; and full-text articles from scholarly journals on an author’s life and works organized in easy-to-navigate tabs.

- **Author Classification.** Enables the user to search for authors based on their nationality, ethnicity, birth or death dates, genres in which an author has written, literary movements and time periods to which an author belongs, and literary themes associated with an author’s works.

- **Merriam-Webster’s ® Encyclopedia of Literature.** Provides more than 10,000 descriptive entries on literary figures, works, and terms.

- **Gale’s Literary Index.** Provides quick and easy access to a master index of the major literature series published by the Gale, which contain complete biographies on authors and critical essays on their writings.

- **Research Guide.** Provides an online Guide to Conducting Literary Research, instructing the user how to create a Modern Language Association-style literary research paper.

- **Links to Holdings.** If your library’s OPAC connection is configured for LRC, this link will provide the user with library holding information on a selected author.

- **Mark List.** Users may also save documents in a Mark List for reading in more detail later.

**Coverage**

The foundation of LRC is built on Gale’s three hallmark author databases:
Contemporary Authors, offering biographical coverage of more than 120,000 modern writers

Contemporary Literary Criticism (CLC) Select, featuring entries on all authors appearing in CLC since vol. 95 of the print series and complete profiles of 266 most studied authors from editions prior to vol. 95

Dictionary of Literary Biography, containing more than 10,000 biocritical essays on authors and their works written by academic scholars

LRC also includes selected full-text, excerpted, and commissioned critical material from Gale’s respected Literature Criticism and For Students Series. The titles in these series include: Children’s Literature Review, Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism, Drama Criticism, Drama for Students, Literature from 1400 to 1800, Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism, Literature of Developing Nations for Students, Novels for Students, Poetry Criticism, Poetry for Students, Shakespearean Criticism, Shakespeare for Students, Short Story Criticism, Short Stories for Students, and Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism.

In addition, users can access the following:

- More than 285,000 full-text journal articles from more than 130 literary journals, including American Scholar, Booklist, College Literature, Critique: Studies in Contemporary Fiction, New Republic, New Statesman, Research in African Literatures, Studies in the Novel, World Literature Today, and many more

- 38,000 critical essays

- More than 4,300 work overviews, plot summaries and explications

- Links to 5,000 web sites focusing on major authors and their works

- Over 6,000 timeline events to help place literature in its historical and social context

- More than 122,000 author biographies

- 2,500 author portraits

- Merriam-Webster’s ® Encyclopedia of Literature, featuring more than 10,000 descriptive entries on literary figures, works, and terms

A complete, up-to-date list of the journals used in the Literature Resource Center is provided in the online help files and at www.gale.com/titlelists.
Enhancing Literature Resource Center

The following add-on modules are available for Literature Resource Center to further enhance this already powerful resource:

- **Modern Language Association (MLA) International Bibliography** – Those who opt to add the MLA module will also have access to 1.4 million bibliographic citations from 1963 to the present along-side tens of thousands of author biographies, critical essays, and journal articles in every literary genre from the Literature Resource Center. Since the two databases are combined in one overall interface, researchers are able to combine more than 40 years of MLA scholarly bibliographic citations with more than 40 years of Gale proprietary literary reference information.

- **Macmillan Library Reference** – Subscribers who elect to add this module can integrate into LRC the content from Macmillan Library Reference, which includes:
  - The Twayne Authors Series (600 monographs from the Twayne’s US Authors, Twayne’s English Authors, Twayne’s World Authors series)

Contact your Gale Representative for more information on the add-on modules available for Literature Resource Center.

What you’ll find

- **PERSONAL DATA** – Author name, pseudonym, birth/death places and dates, nationality, ethnicity, education, political preference, religion, avocational interests, addresses, career summary, memberships, awards, etc.

- **WRITINGS** – A comprehensive, chronological list of the author’s writings

- **GENRE/LITERARY MOVEMENT/LITERARY THEME** – Find authors based on the type of literature they create, the literary movements to which they belonged, major time periods in which they have written, or the literary themes generally associated with their work

- **MEDIA ADAPTATIONS** – The films, plays, and other media that have been adapted from the author’s work
- WORK IN PROGRESS – Current or planned projects, with dates of completion and/or publication, and expected publisher, when known
- SIDELIGHTS – A biographic portrait of the author’s development; information about the critical reception of the author’s works; revealing comments, often by the author, on personal interests, aspirations, motivations, and thoughts on writing
- INTERVIEW – Selections from an interview with the author for Contemporary Authors
- BIOGRAPHICAL ESSAYS – Discussions of the author’s life, works, and critical importance
- CRITICAL ESSAYS – Excerpts from books, magazines, newspapers, literary reviews, and scholarly journals
- BIBLIOGRAPHICAL CITATION — Preface each critical essay to establish context and purpose of the criticism
- SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER READING AND SOURCES FOR FURTHER STUDY
- OBITUARY NOTICES

**Literature Resource Center database updates**

New and updated material is added continuously. New essays are added to Literature Resource Center routinely, along with related full-text journal articles and Web sites. Web sites are also verified/modified and death dates, major awards, major literary works, newsworthy events or career-related events are added to biographical essays to keep content accurate and reliable.

**About this Manual**

This manual is your guide to all aspects of using Literature Resource Center. The “Key Concepts” section in this chapter outlines basic functions such as navigation, using special tool buttons, how to save and print the information you find, and improving your searches.

Product features and functions used throughout GaleNet are described in detail in the Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide. This guide is available from your Gale Representative or from the Gale web site at www.gale.com/userguides.
Chapter 2 provides an in-depth look at performing searches and working with search results.

In addition to the instructions found in this manual, you can also consult the online help files found in Literature Resource Center by clicking the Help button.

Contacting Us

Gale is pleased to offer Literature Resource Center to you and your library. If you have any additional questions about Literature Resource Center please contact Gale at:

1-800-877-4253

This number will connect you with all the departments with which you may need to speak. To expedite your call, please have your customer number on hand.

You can also e-mail comments by clicking the Contact Gale button in the menu bar at the bottom of the screen. For customers outside the U.S. and Canada, send an e-mail to international@gale.com.

Additional contact information, hours of operations, and a list of departments are provided in Chapter 3.

Key Concepts of Literature Resource Center

Moving Around in Literature Resource Center

Literature Resource Center offers three navigational icons in the upper right-hand corner of every screen:

- **Help**: Displays online help information, similar to the information found in this guide.
- **Gale Group Databases**: Used to leave Literature Resource Center and link to the other Gale databases in your subscription.
- **Research Guide**: Displays an online guide that details all facets of the research process by providing
step-by-step examples that follow the creation of a literary research paper from the development of a thesis to the documentation of material researched.

In addition, a navigational bar appears at the top of most Literature Resource Center screens just below the title banner:

Click these buttons to access the various search methods and features in Literature Resource Center, as outlined on page 14 and described in detail in Chapter 2. Click the Home button to return to the Literature Resource Center main page. These buttons are also available at the bottom of each screen.

Lastly, standard GaleNet navigational buttons, such as Search Tips and Comments can be found at the bottom of each screen. See the Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide for a complete listing of the standard GaleNet navigational buttons.

Special Tools for Literary Research

Literature Resource Center provides the following special tool button to make your literary research easier:

Encyclopedia of Literature

Use this link to find more information on more than 10,000 authors, titles, and literary term. See page 44.

Literary Index

Find which Gale literature series include entries on a particular author or title. See page 45.

Using the Mark List

Literature Resource Center uses a Mark List to allow you to create and manage a personalized list of citations and documents that you wish to reference again during your Literature Resource Center session. See the Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide for a complete description of how to create and use a Mark List.

Search results in Literature Resource Center are grouped by document type tabs, allowing you to click a tab to display the documents in a particular category (see page 22). You may include any document from any tab in your
Mark List. All document types will appear on one result list when you click **View Mark List**. No tabs will be active from the Mark List, although documents remain grouped under the appropriate heading (Biographies, Full-text Journals, Website Lists, Works about an Author, etc.).

**Saving Searches with InfoMarks**

InfoMarks are available in Literature Resource Center allowing you to bookmark certain pages using your web browser, or to copy the URL for that page into an e-mail message or a web page. In this way you can save and relaunch searches, or create a personalized reading list of articles that you have found through your research. Just look for the InfoMark icon at the top of select pages in Literature Resource Center, which indicates that the URL for that page is persistent and can be saved for later use.

For InfoMarks to work, you have to be at a computer that has a subscription to the GaleNet database that contains the information you InfoMarked.

See the *Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide* for a complete description of InfoMarks.

**Printing in Literature Resource Center**

You can print any document in Literature Resource Center using the **Print** button, found on the left side of a document display page. This allows you to print the text portion only of the document and not the surrounding icons and title bar. See the *Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide* on formatting a document for printing.

If you wish to print data from screens other than those described above, you must use your browser’s print function. See the *Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide* for more information.

**E-mailing Literary Information Home**

You can e-mail yourself any document in Literature Resource Center using the **E-mail** button, found on the left side of a document display page. You may choose to e-mail the retrieved document in HTML or Plain Text format. See the *Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide* for more information on the e-mail feature.
Citing Documents in Literature Resource Center

There are a variety of citation style choices, including MLA (Modern Language Association), APA (American Psychological Association), or The Chicago Manual of Style. Submission guidelines or your professor’s preference may govern your choice of citation style. Regardless of the particular style chosen the goal of citing electronic publications is to provide enough information so that the reader can locate the article, either electronically or from the original print. For information and examples on citing Gale sources, see the Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide or go to www.gale.com/customer_service/citing.htm.

Citation information for a specific work is located at the end of every document.

Improving Your Search Results

See the Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide for additional search tips and techniques.

Follow these guidelines to improve your search results in Literature Resource Center:

- **Be specific.** If you’re looking for information about courtly love, enter both of those words in your search. If you enter just *love*, your search will give you more results than you want. By using specific search terms to narrow your search, you can locate essays that better fit your information needs.

- **Use quotations for exact phrases.** Generally speaking, each type of search will look for the presence of the word(s) you entered in any combination unless quotation marks are used. Enclosing your search terms in quotations causes Literature Resource Center to search for an exact match.

- **Use search operators and wild cards.** Most fields allow the use of search operators (AND, OR, NOT, etc.) and wild cards (*, ?, !) to target your search. You may also mix phrases and single search terms in the search box. For example, enter “ancient Rome” AND Caesar. See “Search Operators and Wild Cards” in the Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide for additional information.

Wild cards may not be used in date fields (such as Birth Year or Date of Publication). Instead, these fields offer “From” and “To” boxes allowing you to enter a specific date or a range of dates.
• **Broaden your search by using OR.** For example, type *racism or prejudice*. Unless you tell the search engine otherwise, it finds only those essays containing all of the words that you specify. By inserting OR between your search words, you’ll find documents that contain as few as one of your requested words. Using OR will increase the number of essays that are found; use OR if your search isn’t finding enough essays. See “Search Operators and Wild Cards” in the *Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide* for more information on the OR operator.

• **Use plural or other word endings.** For example, if you are looking for discussions of murder, search for various forms of the word in one of the following ways:
  – Use the OR operator as the connector. For example: *murder OR murders OR murderer OR murderous*
  – It is also possible, depending on the desired search term, to use a wild card character to retrieve both singular and plural forms of a word. For example: *murder* See “Search Operators and Wild Cards” in the *Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide* for more information on the OR operator and wild cards.

• **Use synonyms for your original words.** For example, enter *nervous breakdown OR mental breakdown OR nervous disorder OR mental instability*.

• **Watch the use of special characters.** Follow these guidelines when using special characters:
  – A hyphen (-) used between two words is considered part of the term. If you are searching for a word or phrase that normally contains a hyphen, include the hyphen. For example, enter *nineteen-thirties* or *self-doubt*.
  – Apostrophes (’) are not recognized by the search engine and should be deleted from search terms. Enter *Salem Lot* (instead of *Salem’s Lot*) or *Chatterly* (instead of *Chatterly’s*).
  – Ampersands (&) are not recognized by the search engine. Instead, use the W (Within) proximity operator. For example, enter *Socialism Radicalism W2 Nostalgia* (instead of *Socialism, Radicalism & Nostalgia*). See “Search Operators and Wild Cards” in the *Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide* for additional information.
A period (.) used between two words is considered part of the term. If you are searching for a name that contains initials, it is generally best to put spaces around the abbreviated letters, as in *W. E. B. Du Bois* or *W E B Du Bois*. For place names, such as *St. Louis*, it is best to enclose the term in quotations, as in “*St. Louis*”.
Chapter 2

Getting Started with Literature Resource Center

Chapter 2 begins with a sample Author search, providing a step-by-step example showing you how to begin your search, view results lists, and link to various documents. Later sections build on this example by presenting additional ways to search Literature Resource Center with a full explanation of all the search boxes available and examples where necessary.

Remember to refer to the Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide for general information on navigation, searching, and managing the information you find.
LRC provides a simple-to-use interface to help you find out about almost any literary figure.

With the vast amount of information available in LRC, special search techniques geared toward literary interests are essential. To that end, the LRC home page provides several search paths to facilitate the literary research process and help you find information about authors and their works:

[A] **Author Search**
Find biographies, bibliographies, and full-text criticism of an author’s works and literary career. You may also find overviews of key works, a list of related web sites, autobiographical essays, interviews, and more, depending on the amount of content available for a specific author. See page 16.

[B] **Title Search**
Locate references to a work of literature within author biographies, bibliographies, critical essays, and work overviews. See page 29.

[C] **Keyword Search**
Conduct a broad search against targeted fields in each document. See page 31.

[D] **Advanced Search**
Design a specific search using such criteria as author name, title, critic name, keyword, and full text. See page 32.
[E] Authors by Type
Find an author or a list of authors using a variety of classifications, including
genre, theme, literary movement/time period, nationality, ethnicity, birth or
death dates, and gender. See page 35.

[F] Literary-Historical Timeline Search
Target a specific date range for literary figures, movements, and historical
events. See page 37.

[G] MLA International Bibliography
Search the Modern Language Association (MLA) International Bibliography,
the premiere tool for researchers in the humanities, particularly in literature,
language, and linguistics, providing more than 1.4 million bibliographic
citations from 1963 to the present. International in scope, it includes
scholarship in English, French, Spanish, German, and Italian, as well as other
languages and covers English, American, European, Asian, African, and Latin
American literature and folklore in detail. See page 39.

[H] Encyclopedia of Literature Search
Search Merriam-Webster’s *Encyclopedia of Literature* to find entries for
authors, works, literary landmarks, literary and critical terms, mythological
and folkloric figures, fictional characters, literary movements, and prizes from
the entire 10,000-plus-term resource. See page 44.

[I] Gale’s Literary Index
Search a master index to the major literature series published by Gale. It
combines and cross-references more than 130,000 author names, including
pseudonyms and variant names, and more than 160,000 titles into one source.
Gale’s Literary Index provides quick and easy access to 90 of our most
popular literary series, including titles from our imprints, Charles Scribner’s
Sons, St. James Press, and Twayne Publishers. These series contain complete
biographies on authors and critical essays on their writings. See page 45.

| Searches by nationality, ethnicity, genre, literary movement and time period, and literary theme are limited to authors found in DLB, CLC-S and those designated as Most-Studied Authors (see page 3). |

[J] Authors on the Highway Search
Opens a second browser window that links you to the Publishers Weekly
database listing upcoming author appearances. You can search by author, title,
publisher, city, state, or venue.

[K] Spotlight on…
Learn about a featured literary figure by clicking the author’s name in the
“Spotlight on…” section of the Literature Resource Center home page.
Literature Resource Center will display a tabbed results page, as described on page 21, containing biographies, criticism, journal articles, bibliographies, historical timeline information, and much more.

Performing an Author Search – A Sample Search

The following sample search shows you step-by-step how to search LRC for information about a particular author. The screens displayed are similar to the screens you would see when performing searches using the other search methods. These other searches are described in later sections.

Available on the home page and in the top search bar on all subsequent pages, Author Search allows you to search for a specific author. Type a full name, part of a name (such as the last name only), a few letters from a name followed by the asterisk wild card character, or the author’s variant names and pseudonyms. By default, the Author Search searches for author names containing any name(s) you enter (see “Author Search Tips” below for examples).

Click the Search button to start your search. Use the Clear Form button to erase all entered information.

Author’s Name Search Tips

Literature Resource Center provides several ways to search for an author. Here is a summary of the options available:

- **Name Contains/Includes** – Type a full name or any word or combination of words known to be part of the author’s name. For example, a search on brooks returns a list containing the names, Brooks Adams, Gwendolyn Brooks, Jeanne Brooks-Gunn, and Elwyn Brooks White, among others. Searching on Robert Warren returns a list containing the names Warren Robert Baller, Robert Warren Stevens, and Robert Penn Warren, and others.
  - When using the Author Search box, this is the default search method.
  - For an Advanced Search, choose the “Author-Name Contains” option.
– For an Authors by Type Search, choose the “Includes” option.

- **Start of Last Name** – You can choose to search using just the start of the name by adding an asterisk to the end of your partial search term. For example, searching on either *cle* or *cle* (depending on the search screen you are using) will return a list that contains Samuel Langhorne Clemens, as well as Beverly Cleary, Eldridge Cleaver, and John Cleland.

– When using the Author Search box, search by start of last name using the asterisk wild card character, as in *cle*.

– For an Advanced Search, choose the “Author-Last Name Starts” option and do not type the asterisk wild card.

– For an Authors by Type Search, choose the “Start of Last Name” option and do not type the asterisk wild card.

- **Exact Name** – Searches for authors based an exact match of the author’s name, variant names, or a pseudonym. Type the author’s full name, with an optional middle name/initial. You may enter the first name followed by the last name, or the last name first followed by a comma and the first name. For example, enter *Emily Dickinson*, or *Dickinson, Emily*.

– When using the Author Search box, search for an exact name by typing the name in quotations, as in “Emily Dickinson” or just the type the author’s full name.

– For an Advanced Search, choose the “Author-Exactly” option.

– For an Authors by Type Search, choose the “Exactly As Entered” option.

- Variant names and pseudonyms used by an individual are also searchable. For example, a search on *lewis* will return Sinclair Lewis, as well as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, whose variant names include “Lewis.”

- Diacritical marks are not allowed in the Author Search field. For authors who have diacritical marks within their name, searching on the standard letter equivalent of the diacritical mark will return the author name. For example, to find information on Gabriel García Márquez simply type *García Márquez Gabriel* without the diacritic over the “i” in García.

- Refer to page 10 for additional search tips and techniques, or click the **Search Tips** button in the menu at the bottom of the page.

After you click on the **Search** button, Literature Resource Center will display one of the following types of pages:
When more than one author name matches your search query, Literature Resource Center will display an alphabetically arranged results list of names (last name first) with author birth and death years to help you find the specific author you seek. An example is shown in the next section.

- A tabbed results page (see page 21), if the name you entered produces a single, exact match.
- The Authors by Type search page (see page 35) if the name you entered yields no results.

Selecting an Author from the Results List of Names

Continuing the example begun in the previous section, we will now view the results for the Author Search for Ernest Hemingway.

In this example, multiple authors’ names contain “Hemingway” as part of their name, so LRC returns a results list of names to help guide your search. Similar results lists will appear whenever you are performing an author-oriented search (Author Name, Genre, Literary Movement/Time Period, and Literary Themes) and Literature Resource Center finds more than one name that matches your search criteria.
Working with the Results List of Names

Navigating a list of names

At the top of the names results list, you can see the number of names in the list and your location within the list. Each page of the results list has links for up to ten names.

If the number of names retrieved exceeds a page, you will see at the top and bottom of the list hyperlinked page numbers. The results list opens on page one, and you can click on the page numbers to move through the list of names.

For very long lists navigational icons are also provided. Use the right-pointing arrow to advance six pages in the list. Use the right-pointing arrow with vertical bar to go directly to the last page in the list.

Selecting an author

The results list will display the names alphabetically in reverse order (last name first), then in descending order by year of birth. Birth and death date information is provided to help guide your selection. When you select an author, you will be taken to the tabbed results page for that person (see the next section). From there, you can access biographies, literary criticism, bibliographies, and other information on the author.

If the author of the title you are researching wrote under a pseudonym, results will usually be listed under the author’s legal name but may sometimes be listed under the author’s pseudonym. You should check for both instances in the results list.

If a name in the results list does not appear to match your query, click on a name to access the person’s biographical information and look for a matching variant name or pseudonym.

Revising your search

When using the Author Search box at the top of the page, you may modify the search term(s) directly in the search box. Use the Clear Form button to remove all information you have entered.

To revise your search for the other available search methods (Title Search, Keyword Search, etc.), click Revise Search to return to the search page for the current search type.
This page can be InfoMarked

You may also save the list of names as an InfoMark to be bookmarked or copied into a web page or other document for use after you’ve ended your Literature Resource Center session. See the *Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide* for how to save and execute InfoMarks.
Using the Tabbed Results Page

When you select an author from a results list of names (as described in the previous section), you will be taken to the tabbed results page for that author. LRC will also display this page directly, bypassing the results list of names if your search yields a specific author.

The tabbed results pages are the principal access point for information about individual authors in LRC.
Below is a list of links that may or may not display on the tabbed results page, depending on the amount of content available for a specific author.

**Document Type Tabs**

The tabbed results page presents tabs, organized by document type, that contain citations matching the current search query. Clicking a tab makes it the “active” tab.

| If a tab is “dimmed” or “grayed” then there are no documents available in that category. |

**Biographies**

The Biographies tab is the default display for most searches. This tab displays the author’s name (which may or may not be his/her best known name); birth and death dates; any variant names or pseudonyms; and for most-studied authors, nationalit(ies); major genres in which the author has written; and any literary movements or major time periods to which the author belongs (see page 2 for more information on most-studied authors).

Where available, the Biographies tab will also display a portrait of the author and a link to current news information regarding the author that opens in a second browser window.

This tab also includes links to biographies on the author. Click the citation to retrieve a full-text, biographical essay about the author. A sample is shown on page 27.

**Literary Criticism, Articles, and Work Overviews**

Contains three subtabs, allowing you to view each set of documents separately by clicking on the corresponding subtab:

- **Literary Criticism** – Contains a list of critical essays from a variety of Gale and other sources. This tab is displayed by default.

- **Articles** – Provides a list of full-text journal articles that complement the critical pieces, ranging from brief to lengthy. The articles are arranged in reverse chronological order, with the most recent article listed first.

- **Works Overviews** – Here you will find a list of articles that analyze and/or summarize various aspects of the author’s works, such as plot development, critical reception, social and historical context, characterization, source material, and other topics.

Depending on how a critic refers to the author within the critical essay, the essay may appear under an author’s variant name(s).
Bibliographies
Contains two subtabs, allowing you to view each set of documents separately by clicking on the corresponding subtab:

- **Works by the Author** – Provides a list of documents that contain bibliographical citations of principal works by the author. In some cases, the citations link you to a specific section within a larger document that is also accessible from the other tabs. This tab is displayed by default.

- **Works about the Author** – Provides a list of documents that contain bibliographical citations of secondary sources, reference works, memoirs, biographies, critical studies, collections, and audio-visual materials, among others.

Additional Resources
Contains the following subtabs, allowing you to view each set of resources separately by clicking on the corresponding subtab:

- **Websites** – Lists web sites reviewed and selected by a team of Internet researchers using specific editorial criteria. Chief among these criteria is the presence of substantive biographical, bibliographical, and critical information about the author; hyperlinks from the web site to related authors and/or literary topics; and the update frequency of the web site. To return to Literature Resource Center after viewing the web site, use the Back button on your browser.

- **Themes** – Allows you to perform a search for other authors who treat the same theme or themes as this author. Click on the theme or themes you wish to search on. To make several selections from the Theme list box, press down the Ctrl (CONTROL) key while clicking the items you want. You may optionally limit your search in the following ways:
  - For Author Scope, radio buttons allow you to limit your search to the 2,500 most-studied authors or expand your search to include all authors currently indexed. See page 2 for more information on the most-studied authors.
  - For Theme Scope, select the button to search authors that match all the themes or authors that match any of the themes. From the Hemingway Themes subtab, for example, if we select the themes, “Death” and “Despair,” and search for all authors currently indexed who share both those central themes, we get a list of more than 65 other authors who have focused on both themes, including Conrad Aiken, Allen Ginsberg, Pablo Neruda, Sylvia Plath, and Anne Sexton.
When you have entered your search criteria, click the **Search** button. Use the **Clear Form** button to erase all entered information. Literature Resource Center will display a results list of names, as described on page 18.

- **Autobiographical Essay** – Contains select Autobiographical Essays from *Contemporary Authors*.
- **Interviews** – Contains select interviews from *Contemporary Authors*.
- **Encyclopedia of Literature** – Available through the Advanced and Keyword searches, the *Encyclopedia of Literature* features more than 10,000 descriptive entries on literary figures, works, and terms.
- **Topical Essays** – Contains nearly 800 essays on a variety of literary topics and publishing houses.
- **Link to LION** – If you subscribe to LRC through Gale AND subscribe to Literature Online (LION) through ProQuest, you can link back and forth between the databases. A similar option to link to Gale’s Literature Resource Center will appear in your LION interface. Use the LION database to find full-text of an author’s works.

**Literary-Historical Timeline**

When you open this tab from an Author Search or Title Search, you will note that LRC has returned dates and events that fall within the author’s lifespan. Notice the start date and end date for an author’s lifespan are automatically displayed in the date boxes. Designed as an interdisciplinary tool that provides social and historical context for the study of literature, this will give you a sense of what was going on in the world when the selected author lived, wrote, and published. See page 37 for more information on navigating the timeline results.

**MLA Bibliography**

If you added the MLA International Bibliography to your LRC subscription, this tab will actively integrate the wealth of information in LRC with MLA’s bibliographic citations. The two databases reside in one overall interface and are cross-searchable.

- **All Citations** – Includes all citations matching your search criteria.
- **Full-text Citations Only** – Includes only those citations for which LRC contains the full-text article in the Articles subtab.

In both the “All Citations” tab and the “Full-Text Citations Only” tabs the MLA citations contain a link to the full-text article whenever the full-text
is available in LRC. Click on the full-text icon to the left of the citation to access the article.

See page 5 for more information on the MLA International Bibliography module. See page 39 for how to perform a direct search in the MLA International Bibliography database.

**Working with the Tabbed Results Page**

**Navigating a list of citations**

Each available tab will contain a list of matching citations. At the top of the list, you can see the number of citations in the list and your location within the list. Each page of the results list has links for up to ten citations.

If the number of citations retrieved exceeds a page, you will see at the top and bottom of the list hyperlinked page numbers. The results list opens on page one, and you can click on the page numbers to move through the list of citations.

For very long lists navigational icons are also provided. Use the right-pointing arrow to advance six pages in the list. Use the right-pointing arrow with vertical bar to go directly to the last page in the list.

**Retrieving a document**

When you select a citation, the corresponding document will be retrieved and displayed. A sample document is shown on page 27. To select a document from one of the other document types, click on the corresponding tab (see page 22 for a description of the available tabs).

**Revising your search**

When using the Author Search box at the top of the page, you may modify the search term(s) directly in the search box. Use the Clear Form button to remove all information you have entered.

To revise your search for the other available search methods (Title Search, Keyword Search, etc.), click Revise Search to return to the search page for the current search type.
Returning to the previous results list

Click the Current Results button to return to the previous results list. Depending on the type of search performed, this may take you to a list of authors or a list of titles.

Updating your Mark List

To mark a citation for later use during your Literature Resource Center session, click on the check box next to the document title so that it is filled, then click on the Update Mark List button found at the top and bottom of the list. For more information on using a Mark List, see the Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide.

This page can be InfoMarked

You may also save your search results as an InfoMark to be bookmarked or copied into a web page or other document for use after you’ve ended your Literature Resource Center session. See the Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide for how to save and execute InfoMarks.
Viewing a Sample Document

Selecting a document title from a citations list on the tabbed results page retrieves and displays the document, be it a biography, an abstract, a full-text essay, article, etc. Here you can see a sample biographical essay.

Ernest Hemingway

1899-1961

Name: Ernest Hemingway

Nationality: American

Genre(s): Essay, Journalism, Memoir, How-Tos, Novels, Plays, Poetry, Short Stories

Introduction

Hemingway is hailed as one of the greatest American authors of the twentieth century. Considered a master of the understated prose style which became his trademark, he was awarded the 1954 Nobel Prize in Literature. Although his literary stature is secure, he remains a highly controversial writer, and his novels and short stories have evoked an enormous amount of critical commentary. His narrow range of characters and his thematic focus on violence and masculinity, as well as his terse, objective prose, have led some critics to regard his fiction as shallow and simplistic. Others claim that beneath the deceptive brevity of the writer lies a complex and fully realized fictional world. Although Hemingway's literary achievement has been measured chiefly by his novels The Sun Also Rises (1926), A Farewell to Arms (1929), and The Old Man and the Sea (1952), his short stories have attracted no critical acclaim. Today, works of both genres are widely read, and Hemingway remains one of the most admired writers in modern literature.

Jump to Critical Essays about the Author's Works:


Mike Young, in his Ernest Hemingway, University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, 1944.


Source Database: Contemporary Literary Criticism
Navigating the document

Many reference documents have internal Table of Contents sections that will make it easy for you to jump directly to the information in which you are interested. Clicking these links will move you down the page to the appropriate heading. Alternately, you can use the scroll bars (not shown) to read through the document sequentially.

Tip: Keep in mind that you can use your browser’s search function to search for specific term(s) on the current page.

To view the previous or the next document in the results list, click the left or right arrow buttons, respectively, found at the top of the page.

Retrieving another document

To retrieve a document from the same category of documents, return to the results list by clicking the Current Results button. To retrieve documents from a different category, click on the desired document type tab at the top of the page.

Revising your search

When using the Author Search box at the top of the page, you may modify the search term(s) directly in the search box. Use the Clear Form button to remove all information you have entered.

To revise your search for the other available search methods (Title Search, Keyword Search, etc.), click Revise Search to return to the search page for the current search type.

Printing and emailing the document

See the Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide for how to use the Print and the E-mail buttons.

Updating your Mark List

To add the page to your Mark List for later reference during your Literature Resource Center session, click on the Mark this document check box in the sidebar at the top left of the page so that it is filled. For more information on using a Mark List, see the Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide.
This page can be InfoMarked

You may also save the document as an InfoMark to be bookmarked or copied into a web page or other document for use after you’ve ended your Literature Resource Center session. See the Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide for how to save and execute InfoMarks.

Other document features

Some documents, such as the one pictured in the screen print above, contain a “Jump to…” section listing citations of documents from another document type tab (such as Critical Essays). Click a hyperlinked citation to access the corresponding document directly.

Hyperlinked author references can be found in many documents, allowing you to click the author’s name to go to a related essay for that individual. See page 21 for more information on the tabbed results page.

Most documents also contain source citation information at the bottom of the page. See page 10 for more information on citing materials found in Literature Resource Center.

Performing a Title Search

Follow the link on the Literature Resource Center home page or click the Title Search button in the navigational bar at the top of most screens to search for reference(s) to a particular work of literature. Title Search searches the title authority. If no matches are found, it automatically searches within author biographies, bibliographies, critical essays, and work overviews for the criteria entered.
Enter part or all of a title and select one of the following radio buttons:

- Any word entered box: Searches for a title containing any, some, or all of the words entered. This is the default option.
- All words entered: Searches for titles containing all words entered in the order they are entered.
- Exact title: Searches for titles containing the exact term or phrase entered. When using the exact title search be sure to include the leading article of the title ("The," "A," "An," etc.) for more accurate results.

You may also elect to narrow your title search by keying an author name. Entering all or part of an author’s name as used in conjunction with the title search will yield more specific results than entering the title alone. For example, searching on *Ulysses* will return a results list of biographies and critical essays that discuss *Joanna and Ulysses* by May Sarton, *The Last Ulysses* by Walter Savage Landor, *Ulysses* by Alfred Tennyson, and *Ulysses* by James Joyce. If you add an author name to narrow the search by keying *Joy* and selecting the Start of last name box, the results will yield biographies and critical essays that discuss *Ulysses* by James Joyce.

See “Author’s Name Search Tips” on page 16 for the various search options available when searching by author in LRC.

When you have entered your search criteria, click the **Search** button. Use the **Clear Form** button to erase all entered information.

Results for a Title Search will contain documents where the title you entered receives significant discussion. Literature Resource Center will display the tabbed results page (see page 21) with the **Literary Criticism, Articles, and Works Overviews** as the default tab (if documents exist in this category, otherwise the **Biographies** tab will display). The citation results lists on the **Literary Criticism, Articles, and Works Overviews** tab will display the name of the author discussed in each critical essay or biography, followed by a bibliographic citation for the biography or essay.

If titles by more than one author match your search, a results list of titles and authors will be listed alphabetically by author to assist in you in finding the title you seek. Navigate this list as you would the results list of names described on page 18.
Title Search Tips

Some examples of title searches:

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<th>Match any word(s) entered</th>
<th>Match all words entered</th>
<th>Match words exactly as entered</th>
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<tr>
<td>Virginia Woolf</td>
<td>afraid woolf virginia</td>
<td>Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clockwork</td>
<td>clockwork orange</td>
<td>a clockwork orange</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spider Woman</td>
<td>woman spider kiss</td>
<td>Kiss of the spider woman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prometheus</td>
<td>Frankenstein prometheus</td>
<td>Frankenstein; or The New Prometheus</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Searching for titles containing a word or phrase will yield less precise results than searching for an exact title. For example, searching on prometheus will return a results list of biographies and critical essays that discuss Frankenstein or The Modern Prometheus by Mary Shelley, Prometheus Bound by Aeschylus, and Prometheus Unbound by Percy Shelley.

Performing a Keyword Search

To perform a Keyword Search follow the link on the Literature Resource Center home page or click the Keyword Search button in the navigational bar at the top of most screens.

The Keyword Search enables you to conduct a broad search against the author name, critic, title, subject, genre, essay title, and encyclopedia term indexes. For example, entering the keyword Alliteration yields biographies and critical essays that make mention of alliteration as well as a definition of alliteration from the Encyclopedia of Literature.

When you have entered your keyword term(s), click the Search button. Use the Clear Form button to erase all entered information.

Literature Resource Center will display search results on the tabbed results page, as described on page 21.
Performing an Advanced Search

Follow the Advanced Search link on the Literature Resource Center home page or click the Advanced Search button in the navigational bar at the top of most screens to perform more targeted searches by selecting a specific index to search and using Boolean search operators. You may further limit your search by specifying certain types of documents to retrieve and/or to target your search to the individual database collections that make up LRC.

Advanced Search Indexes

To perform an Advanced Search, enter a search term in one or more search boxes. Use the pull-down menu to the right of each search box to select the index to search, as described below. The three search boxes are connected by Boolean operators you select from the pull-down menus, allowing you to establish an “AND,” “OR,” or “NOT” relationship between your search terms. The “AND” operator is used by default. See “Search Operators and Wild Cards” in the Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide for additional information on using Boolean search operators.

Refer to page 10 for search tips and techniques, or click the Search Tips link in the menu at the bottom of the page.
The following indexes can be searched using Advanced Search:

**Author – name contains**
Searches for authors based on word(s) that are known to be part of the author’s name, variant names, or a pseudonym. This is the default option.

**Author – last name starts**
Searches for authors based on word(s) or characters that are known to appear at the start of the author’s last name (includes any last names found in the author’s variant names and pseudonyms). Type part of the author’s last name.

**Author – exactly**
Searches for authors based on an exact match of the author’s name, variant names, or a pseudonym.

See “Author’s Name Search Tips” on page 16 for the various search options available when searching by author in LRC.

**Critic**
Searches for literary criticism and periodical articles written by a particular critic. Type all or part of a critic’s name.

**Fulltext**
Searches all words in a document. This is a good search to use if you are looking for a particular line of text or an unusual phrase. To search for a phrase, enclose the phrase in quotations or use the W proximity operator between words (see “Search Operators and Wild Cards” in the *Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide* for information on proximity operators).

**Keyword**
This search allows you to search for your term in a number of key locations, such as title, citation, abstract, and subject headings.

**Title – any words**
Use this option to search for words in the title of an article or document. Type a word or a combination of words known to be part of the title. Literature Resource Center will look for the presence of at least one of the words you entered. This is a good search to use if you only know part of the title you are looking for.
Title – all words
Searches for a title that contains all the words you typed. Literature Resource Center will look for the presence of all the words you entered, in any order.

Title – exact match
Searches for a title based an exact match of the words you entered. Use this search if you know the exact title you are searching for.

Optional Ways to Further Limit an Advanced Search

Document Type
You can limit your search by document type by scrolling and highlighting the desired document type(s) in the menu. Hold down the Ctrl (CONTROL) key while selecting options to choose multiple document types. You can search All types; Autobiographical Essay; Biographical Essay; Critical Essay; Definition; Interview; Topical Essay; Website List; or Work Overview.

Database
You can search the database(s) of your choice by scrolling down and highlighting any desired database(s) in the menu. Hold down the Ctrl (CONTROL) key while selecting options to choose multiple databases. The default is All Databases, but you may also select any combination of the following: Contemporary Authors; Contemporary Literary Criticism - Select; Dictionary of Literary Biography; Full-text Journals, Literature Resource Center; and any of the following optional modules, if part of your subscription to LRC: MLA International Bibliography; Scribner Writers Series; Twayne’s English Authors; Twayne’s U.S. Authors; or Twayne’s World Authors.

When you have entered your search criteria, click the Search button. Use the Clear Form button to erase all entered information.

Depending on the type of search performed, Literature Resource Center will display either a results list of names, as described on page 18 or take you directly to the tabbed results page, as shown on page 21.
Performing an Authors by Type Search

To perform an Authors by Type Search, follow the link on the Literature Resource Center home page or click the Authors by Type button in the navigational bar at the top of most screens. This search option launches a search using a variety of classifications specific to the author, including genre, literary movement/time period, nationality, and ethnicity.

Using this search, you can identify authors who share in common a variety of classifications. Here you can conduct a search for female African American authors who focus on the theme Coming of Age. Or, you can compile a list of Beat Movement authors who focused on the theme of Alienation.

LRC provides for flexible searching, allowing you to select one, multiple, or all categories on the page for searching, as described below:

**Author Name**

This field will search for authors based on a complete name, word(s) that are known to be part of the author’s name, variant names, or a pseudonym.

See “Author’s Name Search Tips” on page 16 for the various search options available when searching by author in LRC.
For the following list boxes, you may make several selections by holding the Ctrl (CONTROL) key while selecting multiple items.

**Author Ethnicity**
This field will search for authors based on their membership in a group that shares a common language, culture, customs, or background.

**Author Nationality**
This field will search for authors based on their country of birth or nation of citizenship. Authors who have citizenship in more than one country have been identified.

**Genre**
This search feature will allow you to locate authors based on the type of literature they create.

**Theme**
This search feature will allow you to locate authors based on the literary themes that are most commonly associated with their work. You may make several selections from the Theme list by pressing and holding the Ctrl (CONTROL) key and clicking on multiple items.

**Literary Movement or Time Period**
This search feature will allow you to identify and research authors based on the literary movement(s) to which they belong or major time period(s) in which they have written. Some examples of literary movements and time periods include Age of Johnson, Beat movement, English renaissance, Lake poets, Restoration age, etc.

When you have entered your search criteria, click the **Search** button. Use the **Clear Form** button to erase all entered information.

If more than one author matches your search criteria, Literature Resource Center will display a list of authors arranged alphabetically by last name to assist you in finding the author you seek. See page 18 for more information on working with a results list of names.

Once you have selected an author, or if your search yielded a single matching author, Literature Resource Center will display the tabbed results page, as described on page 21.
Performing a Literary-Historical Timeline Search

To perform a Literary-Historical Timeline Search follow the link on the Literature Resource Center home page or click the Literary-Historical Timeline button in the navigational bar at the top of most screens.

The Literary-Historical Timeline Search allows you to target a specific date range for literary figures, movements, and historical events and offers a sociological, cultural, and historical context alongside literary reference. It also provides you with a sense of events that took place in an author’s life and/or the period in which a work was published, helping to make interdisciplinary connections.

Use the timeline in one of two ways:

- To find information related to a literary era, scroll the mouse along the graphic timeline and click on the era that interests you, as shown in the screen print above.

- Alternatively, you may enter a specific year or a range of years. Enter a year in the Start date field and select A.D. or B.C. If you also enter an End date you will receive a list of historical events, key figures, and movements targeting the range you selected. If no end date is entered the results will include events from the start date entered to the present. Click the Search button to perform the search for the date(s) entered.
Timeline results will display directly below the graphical timeline and the date search boxes, as shown in the partial screen print to the right.

At the top of the results list, you can see the number of items in the list and your location within the list. You’ll also see at the top and bottom of the list hyperlinked page numbers. The results list opens on page one, and you can click on the page numbers to move through the list of historical events. Navigational icons are also provided. Use the right-pointing arrow to advance twelve pages in the list. Use the right-pointing arrow with vertical bar to go directly to the last page in the list.

Click the **Clear Form** button to remove the list of timeline events and erase the dates entered in the search boxes. If you entered the timeline from an Author or Title search, clicking on Clear Form will repopulate the search boxes with the author’s birth and death dates.

A similar page is also shown when you select the **Literary-Historical Timeline** tab from the tabbed results page (see page 22).
Performing a MLA International Bibliography Search

Those who opt to add the Modern Language Association (MLA) module will be able to search the 1.4 million citations found in the MLA International Bibliography.

Click the MLA International Bibliography link on the Literature Resource Center home page, or click the corresponding button on the navigational bar found below the title banner on most screens to begin searching this database.

There are three search options: The MLA Basic Search screen appears by default; you may select the link for either the MLA Advanced Search or the MLA Subject Search, both of which are described below.

MLA Basic Search

Type your search term(s) and select one of the following options from the pull-down menu:

Words Anywhere

Searches the full-text all citations for the presence of the term(s) you entered, in any order. This is the default selection.

Author as Subject

Searches for citations where an author’s name is listed as a subject term. This will return citations for documents about a particular author.

Author of Article

Searches for citations for a specific author. This will return citations for documents by a particular author.
Subject

Searches for citations about a particular subject. If you would like to further refine your search for a subject term, use the MLA Subject Search as described on page 43.

Title

Searches for citation titles for the presence of the terms you entered, in any order.

See “Additional Options for the MLA Basic and Advanced Searches” on page 41 for an explanation of the other search options available on this screen.

You may use Boolean search operators (AND, OR, NOT) and wild card characters (*, ?, !) when constructing searches using the MLA Basic Search screen; however, you may find it easier to use the MLA Advanced Search as described in the next section.

Refer to page 10 for additional tips on how to improve your search.

When you have entered your search criteria, click the Search button. Use the Clear Form button to erase all entered information.

Literature Resource Center will display a list of citations matching your search criteria. For each citation you will also see the subject terms and the type of document (book, journal article, dissertation abstract, etc.). Selecting a citation will retrieve the corresponding bibliographic information.

In some cases the corresponding full-text article is available in LRC. Selecting the link to the left of the citation will retrieve the full-text article. To view only citations for which there is a corresponding full-text article in LRC, click on the “Full Text Citations Only” tab.
MLA Advanced Search

MLA Advanced Search allows you to construct more powerful field searches using Boolean search operators. With the MLA Advanced Search, you can conduct a search using a variety of criteria; this enables you to retrieve very specific results.

To perform a MLA Advanced Search, enter a search term in one or more search boxes. Use the pull-down menu to the right of each search box to select the index to search, as described below. The three search boxes are connected by Boolean operators you select from the pull-down menus, allowing you to establish an “AND,” “OR,” or “NOT” relationship between your search terms. The “AND” operator is used by default. See “Search Operators and Wild Cards” in the Getting Started with GaleNet User’s Guide for additional information on using Boolean search operators.

The following indexes can be searched using MLA Advanced Search:

- **Words Anywhere**: Searches the full-text all citations for the presence of the term(s) you entered, in any order. This is the default selection.
- **Author as Subject**: Searches for citations where an author’s name is listed as a subject term. This will
return citations for documents about a particular author.

**Subject**

Searches for citations about a particular subject. If you would like to further refine your search for a subject term, use the MLA Subject Search as described on page 43.

**Literary Theme**

Searches for a particular theme, such as racism or courtly love.

**Genre**

Searches for a particular genre, such as mystery novel or ballad.

**Author of Article**

Searches for citations for a specific author. This will return citations for documents by a particular author.

**Article or Book Title**

Searches for article and book titles for the presence of the terms you entered, in any order.

**Journal or Series Title**

Searches for journal and series titles for the presence of the terms you entered, in any order.

**ISBN**


**ISSN**

Searches for a specific International Standard Serial Number (ISSN).

**Publisher Name**

Searches for a particular publisher, such as Gale or Scribner.

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The additional search options that appear in the shaded box are described in the section, “Additional Options for the MLA Basic and Advanced Searches” on page 43.

Refer to page 10 for search tips and techniques, or click the Search Tips link in the menu at the bottom of the page.

When you have entered your search criteria, click the Search button. Use the Clear Form button to erase all entered information.

Literature Resource Center will display a list of citations matching your search criteria. For each citation you will also see the subject terms and the type of
document (book, journal article, dissertation abstract, etc.). Selecting a citation will retrieve the corresponding bibliographic information.

**Additional Options for the MLA Basic and Advanced Searches**

You may choose to further limit your search on the MLA Basic Search and the MLA Advanced Search screens with the following additional search capabilities:

**Language of Article/Book**
You may search for documents in a language other than English. Select one language from the pull-down menu.

*Hint:* Type the first letter of the name of the language you would like to select to quickly advance through the alphabetized list. For example, if you seek documents written in Greek, type the letter “g” to move to the first language listed that begins with g and from there you can select “Greek” using the mouse.

**Document Type**
You may select a specific document type from the following list: Book, Book article, Book collection, Dissertation abstract, or Journal article.

**Publication Year**
You may search on a specific publication date or range of dates.

**Limit to citations from the most recent update**
Place a check mark in the box to limit the search to citations from the most recent update.

**MLA Subject Search**

MLA Subject Search features a hierarchic-al subject guide designed to help you conduct research by topic. It is usually best to search for only one or two words at one time in order to retrieve desired results. If you enter more than one word, enter the most important word first. You don’t have to enter every word of a subject heading to get a match.

Once you have filled in your search criteria and selected **Search**, Literature Resource Center will display a list of citations on the right-hand side of the
page matching your search criteria. For each citation you will also see the subject terms and the type of document (book, journal article, dissertation abstract, etc.). Selecting a citation will retrieve the corresponding bibliographic information.

On the left-hand side of the screen, you’ll see a list of subject terms most closely matching your criteria. From this screen you have the following options: If you see a term that you feel describes what you are looking for, click on the term to retrieve a list of documents that have been indexed to that subject term. If you don’t see a subject term that matches exactly what you are looking for, click on the View Topic Tree link of the term that most closely matches. This will take you to a new screen that places that term in the context of broader, narrower, and/or related terms.

Performing an Encyclopedia of Literature Search

To perform a search of Merriam-Webster’s Encyclopedia of Literature, follow the link on the Literature Resource Center home page or click the Encyclopedia of Literature button in the navigational bar at the top of most screens. Use this search to look-up any of more than 10,000 terms that appear in the Encyclopedia. Type in a term, name, title, literary time period, genre, etc. You may type in a complete term, or just a few letters of a term followed by an asterisk (*) to get a list of possible matches.

After entering your search term(s), click the Search button. Use the Clear Form button to erase all entered information.

Literature Resource Center will display a list of one or more matching items. Select an item to retrieve the corresponding entry.
Performing a Literary Index Search

Gale’s Literary Index is a free online index accessed by clicking the Literary Index button on the navigational bar at top of the screen below the title banner. It has index-only citations to the major literature series published by Gale, Inc.

When you use this index, you are actually linking to another database that is equivalent to an online catalog of Gale’s literary products. Once you are in Gale’s Literary Index, you can toggle back and forth to work in both databases at the same time. To exit the index, click on the “X” in the upper right hand corner to close the Gale’s Literary Index window.

Several search paths have been designed to help you locate the information you’re seeking from Gale’s literature series:

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