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Indexes and Bibliographies

REF Z 1225.L49 and .L492

Articles on American Literature

Criticisms of the works of American authors and of aspects of American literature.

REF Z 6519.P66

Articles on Twentieth Century Literature

"... bibliography ... collect[s] and annotate[s] scholarly and critical articles concerned with twentieth century literature which have appeared from 1954-1970 ..." (p. xii-Vol.1)

REF Z 1225.B55

Bibliography of American Literature

A selective bibliography of American authors.

REF Z 1219.C95

Book Review Digest

"Provides citations to and excerpts of reviews of current juvenile and adult fiction and non-fiction in the English language." (Preface)

REF Z 1035.AI. B6

Book Review Index

Brief citations to book reviews from books and periodicals

REF PR 821.P26 1973

English Novel Explication

"Listing of criticisms which have appeared in books and periodicals in English and foreign languages." (Introduction)

INDEX REF AI 3.E752

Essay and General Literature Index

"An author and subject index to essays published in collections, with particular emphasis on materials in the humanities and social sciences." (Introduction)

INDEX REF AI 3.H85Humanities Index

A cumulative index to English language periodicals in areas of the humanities including folklore, language, and literature

REF PN 523.W44 1984Literary Criticism Index

Index of criticisms of the individual works of authors, arranged alphabetically.

REF Z 6511.M3Magill's Bibliography of Literary Criticism

A listing of studies of works of fiction, drama, and poetry published in books and periodicals.

REF Z 2011.N45New Cambridge Bibliography of English Literature

A detailed reference to Old English, Middle English, and Modern English literature of the British Isles, arranged chronologically.

REF Z 2014.W65The Undergraduate's Companion to Women Writers and Their Web Sites

A listing of Web Sites, Biographies, Criticism, and Bibliographies on 180 female authors.

REF PE 58.E6Year's Work in English Studies

A critical survey of English literature from books and articles grouped by chronological periods.

Ready Reference Sources

REF PS 21.K8

American Authors 1600-1900: A Biographical Dictionary of American Literature, Complete in One Volume with 1300 Biographies and 400 Portraits

REF PN 41.B4 1987Benet's Reader's Encyclopedia.

A one volume encyclopedia with over 9,000 entries relating to literature.

REF PR 105.K9 1952

British Authors Before 1800: A Biographical Dictionary, Complete in One Volume with 650 Biographies and 220 Portraits

REF PR 83.C22 1907Cambridge History of English Literature.

A chronological survey of literature covering from the earliest times to the end of the 19th century.

REF PN 44.5.S3 1967

Current Literary Terms (A Concise Dictionary of their Origin and Use).

Definitions, with examples, of literary terms from all branches of literature.

REF PN 774.E5 1999

Encyclopedia of World Literature in the 20th Century.

"This work is an attempt to cover ... the major aspects of the literature of the twentieth century, on a global scale." Cross referenced (p. xxxi, Vol.1 "General Scope")

REF PN 451.K8

European Authors 1000-1900: A biographical Dictionary of European Literature.

Short biographies of european authors.

REF PB 41.H6 1992

Handbook to Literature.

"An alphabetical listing of words and phrases pertaining to the study of English and American literature." (Preface)

REF PS 551.L5

Library of Southern Literature

Biographical and critical sketches of Southern authors, with excerpts from their works.

REF PN 44.M33 1966

Masterplots: 2,010 Plot Stories & Essay Reviews from the World's Fine Literature.

Entries are arranged by title and include plot summaries, character descriptions, and critical evaluations of 2-4 pages.

REF PN 44.M35

1,300 Critical Evaluations of Selected Novels and Plays

Arranged alphabetically by titles; brief criticisms and descriptions.

REF PS 21.H3 1995

Oxford Companion to American Literature

A dictionary of articles on authors, titles, characters and literary terms in American literature.

REF PR 19.O94 2000

Oxford Companion to English Literature

A dictionary of articles on authors, titles, characters, and literary terms in English literature.

REF PQ 41.H3

Oxford Companion to French Literature

A dictionary of articles on authors, titles, characters, and literary terms in French literature.

REF PT 41.G3 1986Oxford Companion to German Literature

A dictionary of brief articles on authors, titles, characters, and literary terms in German literature.

REF PN 44.5.P3 1989The Poet's Dictionary: A Handbook of Prosody and Poetic Devices

Describes literary terms; "an anthology ... of expertly chosen illustrations..." (p.ix)

REF PN 771.K86Twentieth Century Authors: A Biographical Dictionary of Modern Literature

Short biographical entries on authors of all nations.

REF PS 147.A4American Women Writers: A critical Reference Guide from Colonial Times to the Present

Essays on American women writers of all periods

REF PA 3002.A5 1982Ancient Writers: Greece and Rome.

Essays on authors of ancient Greece and Rome, arranged in chronological order

REF PN 3451.C65 1983Critical Survey of Long Fiction

"Critical assessments of 272 authors whose major works are in the field of the novel ..."
(Preface)

Gale Resources

REF PS 129.A55American Writers (AMW)

"Provides information about the lives, careers and works of American writers."
(Introduction)

REF PS 153.N5 B556 1992Black Literature Criticism (BLC)

Criticisms of the works of 125 black authors; authors' works from many nations and from 200 years past

REF PR 85.B688British Writers (BRW)

Literary biographies of British authors of all periods.

REF PN 681.5.C57Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism (CMLC)

Contains criticism and commentary on works through the fourteenth century.

REF PN 771.C6

Contemporary Authors (CA, CANR)

Includes brief biographies and bibliographies of each author and his works. The Contemporary Authors: New Revision Series includes biographies which have required significant changes since first publication in Contemporary Authors.

REF PN 771.C59**Contemporary Literary Criticism (CLC)**

Contains scholarly and popular criticism of over 2,000 authors.

REF PN 451.A54**Dictionary of Literary Biography (DLB)**

Entries of several pages each on the life and works of authors, including many illustrations.

REF PN 501.E9 1992**European Writers (EW)**

"68 unabridged essays chosen ... from Scribner's fourteen volume European Writers ... with a view toward including those authors and themes most often studied ..."

(Publisher's Note, Vol. 1, p. v)

REF PN 86.L53 1984**Literature Criticism from 1400 to 1800 (LC)**

Criticism of world authors from the 15th through 18th centuries.

REF PN 761.N5**Nineteenth Century Literary Criticism (NCLC)**

Contains excerpts of criticism for over 17,000 works of the nineteenth century.

REF PN 1010.P499**Poetry Criticism (PC)**

Contains excerpts of criticism of frequently studied writers, and poems.

REF PR 2965.G27**Shakespearean Criticism (SC)**

Provides information about Shakespeare's dramas and poetry as well as excerpts of significant criticism.

REF PN 3373.S386**Short Story Criticism (SSC)**

Contains excerpts of criticism on the world's greatest short story writers.

REF PN 771.G27**Twentieth Century Literary Criticism (TCLC)**

Serves as an introduction to authors who died between 1900-1999 along with excerpts of significant criticism.

Journals

American Literature	Poetry
American Poetry Review	Review of Contemporary Fiction
American Transcendental Quarterly	Shakespeare Quarterly
Chaucer Review	Southern Literary Messenger
Contemporary Literature	Southern Poetry Review
Critique: Studies in Contemporary Fiction	Speculum
Early American Literature	Studies in the Literary Imagination
ELH	Texas Studies in Literature and Language
English Literary Renaissance	Twentieth Century Literature
Modern Fiction Studies	World Literature Today

Sources for Drama

REF Z 1231.D7 1979

American Drama Criticism

Alphabetical lists of American authors, including their dramatic works and lists of criticisms pertaining to the works.

REF PR 623.C75 1994

Critical Survey of Drama

Includes articles on 240 dramatists and essays of aspects of English language drama.

REF PN 1625.D72

Drama Criticism: Criticism of the Most Significant and Widely Studied Dramatic Works from All the World's Literature.

REF PN 1625.M3 1984

McGraw Hill Encyclopedia of World Drama

Articles on playwrights and topics relating to theatre. Includes bibliographies

REF PN 6112.5.M37 1990

Masterplots II: Drama Series

Entries of 4-6 pages are arranged by title of play; includes plot summary and evaluation.

Sources for Short Stories

REF PN 3321.C7 1993

Critical Survey of Short Fiction

Includes essays on aspects of short fiction in last volume. Volumes arranged by the authors' names.

REF PN 3326.M27 1986

Masterplots II: Short Story Series

Entries are arranged by title and include a 2-4 page plot summary and critical evaluation.

REF PN 3373.S386

Short Story Criticism: Excerpts from Criticism of the Works of Short Fiction Writers

REF Z 5917.S5C6

Short Story Index

An index to stories which have been published in book collections and periodicals.

REF Z 5917.S5 W33

Twentieth Century Short Story Explication

A bibliography of interpretations for short stories, including a list of sources used.

Sources for Poetry

REF PN 6082.C57 1992

The Columbia Granger's Dictionary of Poetry Quotations

Best known lines of English language poets; arranged alphabetically by poet. Subject and keyword indexes.

REF PR 502.C85 1992

Critical Survey of Poetry

Critical essays (length around 10 pages) of English poets and poetry from Beowulf to the present.

REF PR 401.E9

The Explicator Cyclopedia

Short explications of a large number of poems including both English and American poets.

REF PN 1021 or 1022. G7 and 1022.H39

Granger's Index to Poetry

Indexes a large number of poetry collections by title, first line, last line (in the 10th edition), and author. Later editions called The Columbia Granger's Index to Poetry.

REF PR 311.M34

Guide to British Poetry Explication

Continues the checklist of interpretations from Poetry Explication for British poetry.

REF PN 1110.5.M37Masterplots II: Poetry Series

Entries of 3-5 pages each are arranged by title and include a poem summary and critical evaluation.

REF PN 1010.P499Poetry Criticism**REF PR 502.K8**Poetry Explication

Index to explications of American and British poetry from books and journals.

Electronic Databases

Academic Search Premier via EBSCOhost (full text)

Provides full text for more than 3,430 scholarly publications covering academic areas of study including social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, engineering, language and linguistics, arts & literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies. This database is updated on a daily basis.

Reviews of over 7,000 current English language fiction and nonfiction books each year.

Books in Print with Reviews via Gale InfoTrac (full text)

Contains current, detailed information on more than 1.9 million titles: author, titles, ISBN, price, publisher, binding, language, illustrations, contact information for publishers, wholesalers, distributors, and much more. Also included are more than 300,000 full text book reviews.

Critical Companions to Popular Contemporary Writers via Greenwood (full text)

An in-depth analysis of current, best selling fiction providing details about the complexities of these carefully selected titles.

and reviews of plays and television and radio programs.

JSTOR (full text)

A collection of full text scholarly journals in the following subject areas: African American Studies, Anthropology, Asian Studies, Ecology, Economics, Education, Finance, History, Literature, Mathematics, Philosophy, Political Science, Population Studies, Sociology, and Statistics

Literary Index via Gale Group

An index to Gale's literature series.

Literature in Context via Greenwood (full text)

Curriculum based Literature in Context series is a rich collection of primary source material, collateral readings, and commentary that helps students understand the historical, social, and cultural milieu associated with major literary works.

Literature Online via ProQuest (full text)

A database of more than 300,000 works of English and American poetry, drama and prose, plus biographies, bibliographies and key secondary sources.

MLA Directory of Periodicals via EBSCOhost

The MLA Directory of Periodicals contains information for over 7,000 language, literature and folklore journals and series; of these, over 4,000 are currently indexed in the MLA International Bibliography.

MLA International Bibliography via EBSCOhost (full text)

MLA International Bibliography is a bibliography of journal articles, books and dissertations. Produced by the Modern Language Association, the electronic version of the Bibliography dates back to 1963 and contains over 1.5 million citations from more than 4,400 journals and series and 1,000 book publishers.

Poetry via Chadwyck-Healey (full text)

Collection of poetry databases.

Project MUSE via Johns Hopkins University Press (full text)

Project MUSE provides online, worldwide, institutional subscription access to the full text of over 100 scholarly journals in the arts and humanities, social sciences and mathematics.

Scribner Writers Series via Charles Scribner's Sons (full text)

The Scribner Writers Series includes 1,564 essays on authors of all nationalities and time periods.

Internet Sources

An Analytic Bibliography of On-line Neo-Latin Texts

<http://www.philological.bham.ac.uk/bibliography/index.htm>

An analytic bibliography of Latin texts written during the Renaissance and later that are freely available to the general public on the Web.

Bibliomania

<http://www.bibliomania.com/>

Free Online Literature with more than 2000 Classic Texts.

Chaucer MetaPage

<http://www.unc.edu/depts/chaucer/>

This project was initiated at the 33rd International Congress of Medieval Studies by a group of medievalists interested in promoting Chaucer studies on the WWW.

Dime Novels and Penny Dreadfuls

<http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/dp/pennies/home.html>

Stanford's Dime Novel and Story Paper Collection consists of over 8,000 individual items, and includes long runs of the major dime novel series and equally strong holdings of story papers like the New York Ledger and Saturday Night.

Documenting the American South

<http://docsouth.unc.edu/>

Documenting the American South (DAS) is a collection of sources on Southern history, literature and culture from the colonial period through the first decades of the 20th century.

Edith Wharton Society

<http://guweb2.gonzaga.edu/faculty/campbell/wharton/indexa.html>

The Edith Wharton Society offers Wharton scholars and other interested persons an opportunity to share in the study and appreciation of the life and works of this author.

The Gothic Literature Page

<http://members.aol.com/iamudolpho/main.html>

A web site devoted to study of Gothic fiction in England from 1764 to 1840 which is intended to provide students and scholars of the Gothic novel access to the growing number of resources available on the web.

Internet Classics Archive

<http://classics.mit.edu/>

441 searchable works of classic literature by 59 different authors.

Into the Wardrobe

<http://cslewis.drzeus.net/>

A web site devoted to C. S. Lewis.

Life and Works of Herman Melville

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

The Life and Works of Herman Melville is a publication dedicated to disseminating information about Herman Melville on the Internet and the World Wide Web.

Literary Criticism

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

The IPL Literary Criticism Collection contains critical and biographical web sites about authors and their works that can be browsed by author, by title, or by nationality and literary period.

Literary Resources on the Net

<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/%7Ejlynch/Lit/>

This set of pages is a collection of links to sites on the Internet dealing especially with English and American literature, excluding most single electronic texts, and is limited to collections of information useful to academics.

Literary Traveler

<http://www.literarytraveler.com/>

Literary Traveler is dedicated to the exploration of the literary imagination. It brings you inspiring, informative articles about writers, creative artists, and the places that they lived and traveled. Literary Traveler has been featured in The New York Times, and The USA Today, and The Wall Street Journal.

Modern American Poetry

<http://www.english.uiuc.edu/maps/>

A comprehensive learning environment and scholarly forum for the study of modern American poetry.

Mr. William Shakespeare and the Internet

<http://shakespeare.palomar.edu/>

Internet resources about Shakespeare.

New American Studies Web

<http://www.georgetown.edu/crossroads/asw/>

A topical database of over 2,000 web based resources in American Studies.

The Online Books Page

<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books/>

Contains listings of free online books.

Online Literature Library

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

An online library of literature.

Project Gutenberg

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

Project Gutenberg is one of the oldest e-book sites on the web. There are over 6,000 full text works available.

Romantic Circles

<http://www.rc.umd.edu/>

A Web site devoted to the study of Romantic period literature and culture.

Shakespeare: Internet Editions

<http://ise.uvic.ca/>

Scholarly, fully annotated texts of Shakespeare's plays available in a form native to the medium of the Internet.

Shakespeare Resource Center

<http://www.bardweb.net/>

Collected links from all over the World Wide Web of information of all sorts on William Shakespeare.

Sources

<http://www.dartmouth.edu/%7Esources/contents.html>

Provides a rationale for why, and offers principles for determining when and how, you should cite sources.

The Victorian Web

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

Resources about literature, history, and culture in the age of Victoria.