

English Language and Literature Resources

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P – Languages, Linguistics and Literature

- P** - General, Linguistics
- PA** - Classical Philology (Greek and Latin)
- PB** - Modern European Languages, Celtic Languages
- PC** - Romance Languages
- PD** - Old Germanic and Scandinavian Languages
- PE** - English Language
- PF** - Dutch, Flemish, and German Languages
- PG** - Slavic Languages and Literature
- PH** - Finno-Ugrian, Basque Languages & Literature
- PJ-PL** - Oriental Languages
- PM** - American Indian and Artificial Languages
- PN** - Literature, Literary History and Collections
- PQ** - Romance Literature
- PR** - English Literature
- PS** - American Literature
- PT** - German Literature
- PZ** - Children's Literature

Most of the material can be found in the **PE**, **PN**, **PR**, and **PS** call number ranges. For a detailed breakdown of each call number range, go to the Library of Congress classification outline: <http://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/classification/lcco/>

Useful Guides

Literary research guide: an annotated listing of reference sources in English literary studies. 5th edition. James L. Harner. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2008. **Ref PR 15 .H345 2008**

This excellent resource for tracking down reference material is divided into the following categories: Research methods -- Guides to reference works -- Literary handbooks, dictionaries, and encyclopedias -- Bibliographies of bibliographies -- Libraries and library catalogs -- Guides to manuscripts and archives -- Serial bibliographies, indexes, and abstracts -- Guides to dissertations and theses -- Internet resources -- Biographical sources -- Periodicals -- Genres -- English literature -- Irish literature -- Scottish literature -- Welsh literature -- American literature -- Other literatures in English -- Foreign-language literatures -- Comparative literature -- Literature-related topics and sources.

A Research Guide for Undergraduate Students: English and American Literature. 6th edition. Nancy L. Baker and Nancy Huling. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2006. **Ref PR 56 .B34 2006**

This work is specially designed for the needs of undergraduate research and scholarship. Concentration is given to your search for secondary sources - "those materials that analyze and criticize an author's work" (p.1). The work provides you with thirty-plus research tools for English and American literature. Chapter titles include: (1) Conducting Research in an Electronic Environment, (2) Using Library Catalogs, Searching Your Library's catalog, Moving Beyond your Libraries Catalog, (3) Searching Bibliographic Databases, (4) Searching the Web, (5) Finding Reviews, (6) Using Contextual Primary Sources, (7) Finding Supplementary Information: Other Reference Sources - Biographical Sources, In Quest of Quotations, facts from Dictionaries and handbooks, (8) One-Stop Shopping, (9) Managing Citations, and (10) Guides to Research in Literature. The appendix is a Selective Bibliography of Reference Sources for English and American Literature.

Abstracts, Bibliographies and Indices specifically for English Studies

American Literary Scholarship

This title is an annual explanatory and bibliographical overview of scholarship for American literature starting in 1963 and continuing through 2005 (in print). The volumes are divided into two segments: essays on important American authors (these may change from year to year) and essays on periods and genres. Examples of authors consistently included in the volumes are Emerson, Thoreau, Hawthorne, Melville, Whitman, Mark Twain, Henry James, Faulkner, Hemingway, and Fitzgerald. Other authors, such as Pound, Eliot, Wharton, Cather, and Dickinson are included in later volumes. Periods

covered by the volumes include literature until 1800 and 19th and 20th century literatures. Bibliographies are given in the MLA style. **Ref PS3 .A51**

The electronic version covers the years 1998 to the present and can be found in the *Project Muse* database.

Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature (ABELL)

Beginning in 1920, *ABELL* is an annual publication gathering together articles and books written on various areas of the English language, philology, and literature. Indexes of sources and abbreviations are given as well as indices on scholars, authors and filmmakers. A typical volume may cover: (1) English Language: Phonetics and Phonology, Grammar, Vocabulary, Lexicography, Names, Meaning, Medium and Register, Dialects, Translation and Comparative Linguistics; (2) Traditional Culture, Folklore and Folk life: Area Studies and Collection, proverbs, Riddles, Rhymes, Dites, and Proverbial Expressions, Narrative, Song, Music, Ballad, Dance, Drama, Custom, Belief, and more; (3) English Literature: General Literary Studies, Old English, Middle English, 15th century on up -- each century looking at drama, romance, poetry, prose, related studies, and authors. *ABELL* is a British publication and MLA International Bibliography is an American one. **Ref PE61 .M68 A6**

MLA International Bibliography

Subjects covered include: criticism, language, linguistics, literature, film, speech, rhetoric, communication theory, interpersonal communication, drama, and folklore. Coverage begins in 1925 with the indexing of citations from over 7100 journals as well as series, monographs, dissertations, bibliographies, proceedings and other materials. This resource is the database of choice for all critical scholarship in languages research regardless of scholarly field. The print version (**Ref PB 5.9 .M69 M6**) is in the 1st floor reference room and goes back to 1921.

Literary Reference Center

Literary Reference Center is a full text database that combines information from major reference works, books, and literary journals. The LRC contains: "full text for 27,500 plot summaries, synopses and work overviews, nearly 100,000 articles/essays of literary criticism, 140,500 author biographies (including 20,000 in-depth bios), 420 literary journals, 569,000 book reviews, 57,000 classic and contemporary poems, 14,500 classic and contemporary short stories, and 4,700 author interviews."

World Shakespeare Bibliography

The *World Shakespeare Bibliography* provides annotated entries for books, articles, book reviews, dissertations, theatrical productions and reviews, audiovisual materials, electronic media, and other scholarly and popular materials relating to international Shakespeare scholarship from 1961 to the present. Continual retrospective indexing (three prior years in any given year) will expand the coverage of the database. An earlier bibliography can be found in the *Shakespeare Association Bulletin* beginning with volume 3 (1928) and running to 1949 when it became the journal, *Shakespeare Quarterly*. *Shakespeare Quarterly* has one issue every year devoted entirely to the bibliography; this issue is titled 'World Shakespeare Bibliography.' The database *JSTOR* has the full text of Shakespeare Quarterly EXCLUDING the *WSB*.

The Year's Work in English Studies

Beginning in 1919, this annual publication provides an annotated and critical bibliography of "all work of quality" that is published in English Studies during the course of the year. Topic areas can differ from volume to volume and decade to decade, but issues may include such subject matters as the English Language, Old English Literature, Middle English, Chaucer, 16th Century, Shakespeare, Renaissance Drama, 17th Century Prose, Milton and Poetry, 18th Century, The Victorian and Romantic Periods of the 19th Century, Modern Literature, 19th and 20th Century American Literature, New Literatures, and Bibliography and Textual Criticism. **Ref PE 58 .E58**

The Year's Work in Critical and Cultural Theory

Annual narrative bibliography which compiles the most significant scholarly work being done in the field of critical and cultural theory. The library has volumes 5 (1995) to the present. You will find the bibliography covering such topics as Feminisms, Marxisms, Colonial Discourse, Postmodernism, Psychoanalysis, Narrative, Techniques, Music, Testimony, Religion, Irish Studies, Multiculturalism, Continental Philosophy, Science, Poststructuralism, and more. **Ref PN 80 .Y43**

Other Resources for English Studies

Columbia Granger's World of Poetry

Index of more than 450,000 citations to poems and 250,000 poems in full text. Commentaries, criticism, biographies, bibliographies, poem comparisons, and audio recordings of popular poems are included.

Dictionary of Old English: A to G online

The Dictionary of Old English: A to G covers the vocabulary of 600 - 1150 A.D. The DOE complements the Middle English Dictionary which covers 1100 - 1500 A.D. and the Oxford English Dictionary. These three works comprise a comprehensive English vocabulary. Entries in the DOE have links to the OED. The DOE has over 12,000 headwords.

Dictionary of Old English Corpus

The Dictionary of Old English Corpus is an online database consisting of 3037 texts of Old English.

Oxford English Dictionary

Traces the usage of words through 2.5 million quotations from a wide range of international English language sources. The OED is a historical dictionary; beginning in 1150, it traces the first use of a word to its present manifestation.

General Abstracts, Bibliographies and Indices

Academic Search Premier

Academic Search Premier is a multi-disciplinary full text database containing indexing and abstracts for 8,309 journals. Full text is available for nearly 4,529 publications, including more than 3,754 scholarly publications. Some journals are indexed back to 1965.

ArticleFirst

An index of articles from nearly 16,000 journals across a variety of subjects. 1990 – present.

Humanities International Complete

A comprehensive database of humanities content, the HIC indexes and abstracts over 2,100 journals and contains over 2.47 million records. Several hundred (890) journals have full text availability. Coverage goes back as far as 1929. This database includes all data from *American Humanities Index* and *Humanities International Index* (over 1.6 million records).

JSTOR

Full-text back issues of core scholarly journals. Coverage begins with volume one and ends within the last two to five years, in a variety of disciplines. Reproduction is cover-to-cover. The language and literature journals comprises 116 titles and has such titles as *PMLA*, *Shakespeare Quarterly*, *Review of English Studies*, and *Rhetoric Review*.

Proquest (Periodical Abstracts)

Multi-subject reference source covering general and academic periodicals; full-text is available for many journals. 1971 – present.

WorldCat (OCLC Catalog)

OCLC *WorldCat* database is the OCLC online catalog. It contains over 107 million records describing library holdings. This is an excellent database for acquiring correct bibliographic citations and locating copies of a title in the DC area.