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A Guide to Resources in Literary Criticism

Factual and Background Information - Use reference books like encyclopedias, handbooks, and dictionaries.

<i>American Authors: 1600-1900</i>	REF PS 21 .K8
<i>American Writers</i>	REF PS 129 .A55
<i>Black Literature Criticism</i>	REF PS 153 .N5 B556 1992
<i>Bloomsbury Guide to Women's Literature</i>	REF PN 471 .B57 1992
<i>British Authors before 1800</i>	REF PR 105 .K9
<i>British Writers</i>	REF PR 85 .B688
<i>Contemporary Women Poets</i>	REF PS 151 .C67 1998
<i>Critical Survey of Long Fiction</i>	REF PN 3451 .C75 2000
<i>Critical Survey of Poetry</i>	REF PN 1111 .C7
<i>Critical Survey of Short Fiction</i>	REF PN 3451 .M2
<i>European Authors</i>	REF PN 451 .K8
<i>Great Women Writers</i>	REF PN 471 .G74 1994
<i>Greenwood Encyc. of Multiethnic American Literature</i>	REF PS 153 .M56 G74 2005
<i>Moulton's Library of Literary Criticism</i>	REF PR 83 .M69
<i>New Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics</i>	REF PN 1042 .P75
<i>The Oxford Companion to Twentieth Century Poetry</i>	REF PR 601 .O9 1994
<i>Poets: American and British</i>	REF PS 303 .P64 1998
<i>Short Story Criticism</i>	REF PN 3373 .S386
<i>Twentieth Century Authors</i>	REF PN 771 .K86
<i>Twentieth Century Literary Criticism</i>	REF PN 771 .G27
<i>World Authors: 1950-1975 (various volumes)</i>	REF PN 451 .W3
<i>World Literature Criticism: 1500 to Present</i>	REF PN 523 .W67 1992

Books and Articles

Use the online library catalog, for finding **books** in the Library.

The following online library databases can be used to find literary resources, including magazine and journal **articles**.

LION: Literature Online
Literature Resource Center
Academic Search Premier

You can find them at: www.hagerstowncc.edu/library/FIND_database.htm

The *Essay and General Literature Index*: lists essays that have been published in books.
REF AI 3 .E752 1998

World Wide Web

Methods to find useful Web sites:

- 1) Use a directory site which lists and organizes Web sites by subject.
Examples: Internet Public Library at <http://www.ipl.org> or
Librarians' Internet Index at <http://lii.org>
- 2) Use sites with search tools allow you to search for individual words or phrases of your choice. Be sure to read the help screens for specific instructions.
Example: www.yahoo.com or www.google.com
- 3) Some sites chosen by faculty and library staff can be found on the Brish Library's web site at: www.hagerstowncc.edu/library. Rest your mouse on **Find**, select the **Useful Web Sites** link in the menu and then choose **Literature** from the subject list at the top of the page.

Evaluate what you find

Some criteria to evaluate information found on Web sites:

Accuracy –	Is the source and author identified or cited?
Authority –	Does the author, publisher or source seem credible or reputable?
Objectivity –	Can you detect a bias? Does it only advocate one side of the issue?
Currency –	Is the content up-to-date? Are publication dates available?
Coverage –	Is the topic covered in depth? Is it missing an important element of the issue?

**Please be sure to check with a Librarian
if you have questions or would like additional assistance.**