

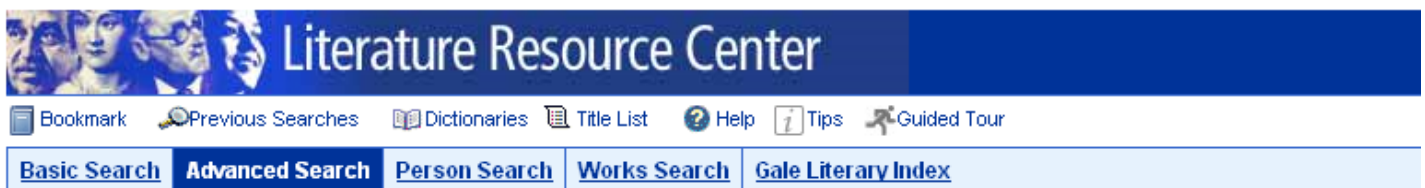


Literature Resource Center: A Guide to Searching the Database

Literature Resource Center is a literature reference database. It is built on selections from three core literature reference tools: *Contemporary Authors*, *Contemporary Literary Criticism*, and *Dictionary of Literary Biography*. The database offers coverage of over 100,000 writers with rich biographical, bibliographical, and critical content. The *Literature Resource Center* contains information on literary figures from all time periods, and writing in such genres as fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, history, journalism, and more. Access *Literature Resource Center* by going to the **Find Articles** tab on the Library's web page and clicking on "Locate Databases By Title."

Searching Literature Resource Center

You can easily search for a specific author, title of a work, or subject using the tabs at the top of the page.



Author Biographies & General Information

To search for biographies or criticism for a particular author, click on the **Person Search** tab. If you do not know the author's first name, try the search anyway. After typing in the name, click **Search**. If the search is successful, a list of results should appear. Click on the author's name (ex. Swift, Jonathan (Irish satirist)) and information about that author will be displayed. Person searches can also be narrowed by nationality, literary movement, genre, etc.

The blue tabs allow you to view biographical articles, literary criticism, reviews, and multimedia (web sites, audio clips, etc.) about the author. Click on "PDF" or "full text" to view articles.

Search

within these results

Narrow Results:

by: Subjects

Limit to: 25 50 100

Swift, Jonathan (Irish satirist) (121)

Gulliver's Travels (47)

A Modest Proposal (E...) (27)

Satire (21)

A Tale of a Tub (Swift) (12)

Literature (7)

English writers (7)

Political satires (6)

Economists (5)

English essays (5)

English Augustan age... (5)

An Argument Against... (3)

Ancients and moderns (3)

Drapier's Letters (C...) (3)

More Thomas Sir (2)

Results for **Person Search** PZI (Swift, Jonathan) And NP (jonathan swift)

Literature Criticism (239)

Biographies (12)

Topic & Work Overviews (10)

Reviews & News (20)

Primary Sources & Literary Works (1)

Multimedia (2)

limit to: with images peer-reviewed

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1. **Gulliver minus the rude bits**. Benedicte Page. *The Bookseller*. 5136 (July 9, 2004) p25. From *Literature Resource Center*. Full-text with Graphics PDF page(s)

2. **A letter to Alexander Pope on November 27, 1726**. Jonathan Swift. *The Writings of Jonathan Swift: Authoritative Texts, Background, Criticism*. Ed. Robert A. Greenberg and William Bowman Piper. W. W. Norton & Company, Inc., 1973. p590. Rpt. in *Children's Literature Review*. Detroit: Gale. From *Literature Resource Center*. Full-text

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Locating Literary Criticism & Reviews

The easiest way to find criticism or reviews of a particular work is through a **Works Search**. Type in the title you're interested in and choose the most relevant option from the list of results. Make sure the "Literature Criticism" tab is selected on the results page.

HINT! To narrow the list of critical works to a particular topic, either type a term into the "search within these results" box or select one of subjects listed in the column on the left.

The screenshot shows the Literature Resource Center interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Basic Search, Advanced Search, Person Search, Works Search, and Gale Literary Index. The 'Works Search' tab is active. Below the navigation is a search bar with the text 'WOL ("Animal Farm (Orwell, George)") And NW (animal farm)'. To the left of the search results is a 'Search' sidebar with a 'within these results' checkbox and a list of subjects including 'Animal Farm (Orwell, ...)', 'Orwell, George', 'Nineteen Eighty-Four...', 'Novels', 'English writers', 'Communism', 'Allegories', 'Totalitarianism', 'Burmese Days (Novel)', and 'Science fiction'. The main search results area shows a list of tabs: Literature Criticism (27), Biographies (2), Topic & Work Overviews (6), Reviews & News (3), Primary Sources & Literary Works (0), and Multimedia (0). The 'Literature Criticism' tab is selected. Below the tabs are search filters for 'with images' and 'peer-reviewed', and a 'Sort by: Relevance' dropdown. The results list includes two entries: '1. Animal Farm Fifty Years On' by Michael Peters and '2. Mealy-mouthed Critics Ignore Animal Farm's Anticomunism Flavor' by Spencer Brown.

Searching for Specific Topics A **Basic** or **Advanced Search** allows you to search for criticism or information on literary genres, themes or specific topics in literary history. You can narrow your search by publication century (19th century, 20th century, etc.), language, etc.

The screenshot shows the Literature Resource Center interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Basic Search, Advanced Search, Person Search, Works Search, and Gale Literary Index. The 'Basic Search' tab is active. Below the navigation is a search bar with the text 'KE (victorian fashion)'. To the left of the search results is a 'Search' sidebar with a 'within these results' checkbox and a list of subjects including 'Fashion', 'Writers', 'Victorian period lit.', 'Social class', 'Women', 'Clothing', 'Pride', 'Henry, G.A.', 'Lang, Andrew', 'Social conditions', and 'Vanity'. The main search results area shows a list of tabs: Literature Criticism (9), Biographies (4), Topic & Work Overviews (1), Reviews & News (5), Primary Sources & Literary Works (2), and Multimedia (1). The 'Literature Criticism' tab is selected. Below the tabs are search filters for 'with images' and 'peer-reviewed', and a 'Sort by: Relevance' dropdown. The results list includes two entries: '1. Victorian Fashion' by Valerie Steele and '2. Reflections on Victorian fashion plates' by Sharon Marcus. A callout box with arrows pointing to the navigation tabs at the top contains the text: 'Remember to use the tabs at the top to navigate through literary criticism, bibliographies, and other options.'

If you need assistance using Literature Resource Center, or any other database, please don't hesitate to ask a Reference Librarian in person or call the Reference Desk at x7295!