



Pathfinder: Literary Criticism

This pathfinder will help you research Literary Criticism.

Search Tools: Use the search stations in the library (or any computer in the school by using the URL 10.1.9.75:8080) to access the library's catalog to find materials in the library's collection.

Introductory Materials: Encyclopedias are a great way to start your research if you are not familiar with your subject. This will give you a quick explanation and other terms and ideas to expand your search terms.

Terms and Keywords: Use the computer search stations to look for your book sources. You may try general words to find your subject like "Literary Criticism." This is a broad category so you may want to get more specific. Try searching for the name of the specific writer you are researching such as "John Steinbeck" or the name of a particular work like "The Grapes of Wrath."

Dewey Numbers: The KHS Drew Library Media Center uses the Dewey Decimal System to catalog and organize materials. Begin your search for your topic by using the following Dewey numbers:

- 813 – Use this number followed by the first three letters of the writer's last name

Reference Materials to Use: The books with a reference sticker cannot be checked out. However, you may make copies of the pages you need in them. Don't forget to copy the title page to use for your works cited page. Here are just a few of the books we have that are reference that could help you out:

- REF 809 LIT – Literary Newsmakers for Students
- REF 809 LIT – Literary Lifelines
- REF 809.04 GRE – Great World Writers

- REF 810 POP – Popular Contemporary Writers
- REF 810.9 GRE- Great American Writers

Internet Resources: There are millions of websites with information on Literary Movements. This can be a great source, however, make sure that the site you use has reliable, credible information. Here are some good sites to look at:

<http://www.ipl.org/div/litcrit/> - The IPL Literary Criticism Collection contains critical and biographical websites about authors and their works that can be browsed by author, by title, or by nationality and literary period.

www.barnesandnoble.com - There are many editorial reviews available for individual book titles. The “meet the writer” tab also offers biographical info on the author.

www.amazon.com There are many editorial reviews available for individual book titles.

Online Database:

We subscribe to these. If you are using them at school, you do not need a log in name or password. If using them at home, contact the library for the log in name and password.

Literature Resource Center - Search by author’s name or title of book. This database offers literary criticism, reviews, website links, and biographical information

http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nhais_htdx?db=LitRC-16

Gale Virtual Library- Search by author’s name or title of piece. This database offers literary criticism, summaries, character analysis, biographical information of novels, short stories, poetry, drama, and non fiction.

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