

Library Research Instructions for ENGL 2321 British Literature

Library Databases for Literary Research

- Dictionary – ***Oxford English Dictionary***

- Scholarly articles
 - ***MLA International Bibliography***
 - ***Humanities Full Text***
 - ***Literature Resource Center***

- Electronic Books
 - ***Cambridge Collections Online***
 - ***Ebrary***
 - ***NetLibrary***

- Hard Copy Books
 - ***Online Catalog***

How do I get to these databases?

- Go to the library web site and click on ***Articles, Research & More*** and then click on the specific database titles from the A-Z list.
- You can also access the databases by clicking on ***Choose a Database by Subject Area*** and then on ***Literature and Humanities***.

More about Article Databases

- In all of the library's databases, you will be able to print, email or save the full text articles that you find.
- You can search the databases from home, by logging in after clicking on the database title from the library web site.
- Instructions for each resource follow on pages 2-4.

Searching *MLA International Bibliography (Ebsco)*

- At the search screen, type in the name of your author in the first text box as **last name, first name**. Next to where you typed the author, choose **SA Primary Subject Author** from the drop down list.
- In the second text box, type in the title of the author's work you are researching. Next to where you typed the title, choose **SK Primary Subject Work** from the drop down list.
- If you are also researching a specific topic related to a work of literature, type a search term in the final text box for this part. In the drop down list next to where you typed, choose **SU Subjects-All**.
- Under **Limit your results** on the search screen, click the check box next to **Linked Full Text** and **Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals**.
- Click on an article title to retrieve the full article record (citation). You may want to save, print or copy/paste the article record in order to help you write you MLA citations. Click on PDF Full Text or HTML Full Text to print, email or save the full text of the article.

Searching: **MLA International Bibliography** | [Choose Databases >](#)

shakespeare, william in SA Primary Subject Author **Search** **Clear**

and sonnet OR sonnets in SK Primary Subject Work

and love in SU Subjects-All [Add Row](#)

[Advanced Search](#) | [Visual Search](#) | [Search History/Alerts](#) | [Preferences >](#)

Search Options

Search modes [?](#) Words and Phrases **Apply related words**

Limit your results

Linked Full Text Publication Date from

Publication Type Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals

Searching *Humanities Full Text (WilsonWeb)*

- At the search screen, type in the name of your author in the first text box as **last name, first name**. Next to where you typed the author, choose **Subject(s)** from the drop down list.
- In the second text box, type in the title of the author's work you are researching. Next to where you typed the title, choose **Subject(s)** from the drop down list.
- If you are also researching a specific topic related to a work of literature, type a search term in the final text box for this part. In the drop down list next to where you typed, choose **Subject(s)**.
- Under **Limit to:** on the search screen, click the check box next to **Full Text Articles** and **Peer Reviewed**.
- Click on an article title to retrieve the full article record (citation). You may want to save, print or copy/paste the article record in order to help you write you MLA citations. Click on PDF Full Text or HTML Full Text to print, email or save the full text of the article.

[Open Database Selection Area](#) Database Descriptions Journal Directory
[1] Database(s) selected: Humanities Full Text

FIND shakespeare, william as:

and sonnet OR sonnets

and love

Sort By:

Limit Dates to: Any Year Within last 12 months From Year:

Limit to: Full Text Articles Page Image (PDF) Peer Reviewed

Clear **Start**

Searching Literature Resource Center (Gale)

- At the search screen, click on **Advanced Search**.
- In the first text box, enter the author's name as last name, first name. Next to where you typed, choose **Author-exactly** from the drop down list.
- In the next text box, enter the title of the work and choose **Title-any words** from the drop down list.
- For additional search terms that you may be researching in relation to the work of literature, type the word or phrase in the final text box and choose **Keyword** from the drop down list. Click **Search**.
- At the search results screen, click on the tab labeled Literary Criticism, Articles, & Work Overviews.



Advanced Search

Enter search term(s) and select index type.
Indicate choice of Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT).

shakespeare, william	in	Author-exactly	AND
sonnet OR sonnets	in	Title-any words	AND
love	in	Keyword	

Search **Clear Form**

Searching Oxford English Dictionary Online (Oxford University Press)

- At the **Oxford English Dictionary** home page, type in the word you are researching.
- Click on the best match at the next page providing a list of matching results.
- The various definitions of your word will appear including quotations of the use of the word in historical and contemporary writings.
- You can click on the button above the definitions to view the etymology.
- To find something specific in the text of the term definitions and quotations, use the Edit – Find feature in your browser.

Searching for Books from the MCC Library

-Hard Copy Books

- Search the **ONLINE CATALOG**.
- Your search words will be the disorder name or the broader disorder class name.
- Enter your search terms next to the “General Keyword” search option.
 - Second option: choose “Subject Keyword” from the drop down and enter your search terms.

-Electronic Books

- Also search electronic books in
 - **Cambridge Collections Online, Ebrary, and NetLibrary**
 - Go to the library's home page, click on Articles, Research & More and then choose "**Electronic Books**" from "Choose a Database by Publication Type."
- Electronic books are also listed in the Online Catalog
 - [electronic resource] or [computer file] will appear in the book title

Searching Cambridge Collections Online

- At the search screen, you can browse the companion titles by clicking on **The Cambridge Companion to Literature and Classics**.
- You can also search in the single text box by entering the author's name in quotation marks as "**first name last name**."
- Then type in the word **AND** followed by the title of the work you are researching in quotation marks.
- Following this, you could enter the word **AND** again and then type in additional topical terms as needed.

Example: "geoffrey chaucer" AND "canterbury tales" AND marriage

Citing your Articles and Books in MLA

- When you use an online library database to access the full text of an article or book, you will need to cite not just the article or book, but also the database that you used.
 - Go to the library's web site, click on **Works Cited & Sources** and then **Database Information for Your Works Cited**
- The library has a list of recommended MLA Style web sites located at our **Works Cited & Sources** page.

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