

## Sources in

# LITERATURES IN ENGLISH

This guide lists a selection of the more important sources of information on Literatures in English available at Concordia Libraries. It includes material held in the Webster Library (WEB) on the Sir George Williams Downtown Campus, in the Vanier Library (VAN) on the Loyola Campus and/or available online. Most materials are located in the Reference area (REF). **This is not a complete list.** Additional resources may be found by searching CLUES, the library catalogue.

For more information, consult the **Research Guides by Subject** available on the Libraries' Web site at <http://library.concordia.ca/research/subjects/>, the *Sources in Canadian Literature* handout, or contact the reference librarian. **Databases** are accessible on the Libraries' Web site at <http://library.concordia.ca/research/databases/>.

## *Guides to the Literature*

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Bibliographical Guide to the Study of the Literature of the USA	REF PS 121 G64X 1984 WEB VAN
Guide to English Literature	REF PR 85 C28 1983 WEB VAN
Cambridge Guide to Literature in English	REF PR 85 C29 2006 WEB
Literary Research Guide (Harner)	REF PR 83 H37 2002 WEB
Reference Guide for English Studies (Marcuse)	REF PR 56 M37 1990 WEB VAN
Reference Works in British and American Literature (Bracken)	REF PR 83 B72 1998 WEB

## *Handbooks and Encyclopedias*

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Benet's Reader's Encyclopedia	REF PN 41 B4 1996 WEB VAN
Benet's Reader's Encyclopedia of American Literature	REF PN 41 B4 1991 WEB VAN
Cambridge Handbook of American Literature	REF PS 21 C36 1986 WEB VAN
Columbia Companion to the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century American Short Story (2001)	Database: <a href="#">Literature Online</a> (LION)
Companion to African Literatures	REF PR 9340 C65 2000 WEB
Continuum Encyclopedia of American Literature	REF PS 21 E53 1999 WEB
Dictionary of Native American Literature	REF PM 155 D53 1994 WEB
Encyclopedia of American Poetry: The Nineteenth Century (1998)	Database: <a href="#">Literature Online</a> (LION)
Encyclopedia of British Women Writers	REF PR 111 E54 1998 WEB
Encyclopedia of Post-Colonial Literatures in English 1 <sup>st</sup> ed. (1994)	Database: <a href="#">Literature Online</a> (LION)
Encyclopedia of Post-Colonial Literatures in English 2 <sup>nd</sup> ed.	REF PR 9080 A52E53 2004 WEB
Encyclopedia of the Novel (1998)	Database: <a href="#">Literature Online</a> (LION)
Encyclopedia of World Literature in the 20th Century – 4 vol.	REF PN 771 E5 1999 WEB VAN
Feminist Companion to Literature in English	REF PN 471 F45 1990 WEB VAN
Handbook to Literature	REF PN 41 H355 2003 WEB
McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of World Drama – 5 vol.	REF PN 1625 M3 1984 VAN
New Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics (Print)	REF PN 1021 N39 1993 WEB VAN
New Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics (Online)	Database: <a href="#">Literature Online</a> (LION)
Oxford Chronology of English Literature	REF Z 2011 O98 2002 WEB
Oxford Companion to African American Literature	REF PS 153 N5O96 1997 WEB VAN
Concise Oxford Companion to African American Literature	Database: <a href="#">Oxford Reference Online</a>
Oxford Companion to American Literature (Print)	REF PS 21 H3 1995 WEB VAN
Oxford Companion to American Literature (Online)	Database: <a href="#">Oxford Reference Online</a>
Oxford Companion to Australian Literature (Print)	REF PR 9600.2 W55 1994 VAN



Oxford Companion to Australian Literature (Online)	Database: <a href="#">Oxford Reference Online</a>
Oxford Companion to English Literature (Print)	REF PR 19 D73 2000 WEB
Oxford Companion to English Literature (Online)	Database: <a href="#">Oxford Reference Online</a>
Oxford Companion to Irish Literature	REF PR 8706 O88 1996 VAN
Concise Oxford Companion to Irish Literature	Database: <a href="#">Oxford Reference Online</a>
Oxford Companion to New Zealand Literature	Database: <a href="#">Oxford Reference Online</a>
Oxford Companion to Shakespeare	Database: <a href="#">Oxford Reference Online</a>
Oxford Companion to Twentieth-Century Literature in English	REF PR 471 O94 1996 WEB VAN
Oxford Companion to Twentieth-Century Poetry in English (Print)	REF PR 601 O9 1994 WEB VAN
Oxford Companion to Twentieth-Century Poetry in English (Online)	Database: <a href="#">Oxford Reference Online</a>
Oxford Companion to Women's Writing in the United States	REF PS 147 O94 1995 WEB

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### *Dictionaries, Literary Terminology and Theory*

Bedford Glossary Of Critical And Literary Terms	REF PN 44.5 M86 2003 WEB
Book of Literary Terms: The Genres of Fiction, Drama, Nonfiction, Literary Criticism, and Scholarship	REF PN 44.5 T87 1999 WEB
Columbia Dictionary of Modern Literary and Cultural Criticism (1995)	Database: <a href="#">Literature Online</a> (LION)
Concise Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms (Online)	Database: <a href="#">Oxford Reference Online</a>
Continuum Encyclopedia of Modern Criticism and Theory	REF PN 94 C695 2002 WEB
Dictionary of Literary Terms And Literary Theory (Cuddon)	REF PN 41 C83 1998 WEB
Dictionary of Literary Themes and Motifs	REF PN 43 D48 1988 WEB
Edinburgh Encyclopaedia Of Modern Criticism And Theory	REF PN 94 E35 2002 VAN
Glossary of Contemporary Literary Theory	REF PN 44.5 H37 2000 WEB
Glossary Of Literary Terms (Abrams)	REF PN 41 A184 2005 WEB
Handbook of Literary Terms: Literature, Language, Theory	REF PN 44.5 K46 2005 WEB
Johns Hopkins Guide to Literary Theory and Criticism	REF PN 81 J55 2005 WEB
Literary Terms: A Dictionary (Beckson)	REF PN 44.5 B334 1989 WEB VAN
Multicultural Dictionary of Literary Terms	REF PN 41 C28 1999 WEB
Poet's Dictionary: A Handbook Of Prosody And Poetic Devices	REF PN 44.5 P3 1989 VAN
Twentieth Century Literary Movements Dictionary	REF PN 597 T94 2000 WEB VAN

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### *Collections of Criticism and Biographical Sources*

African Writers	REF PL 8010 A453 1997 VAN
American Women Writers: A Critical Reference Guide from Colonial Times to the Present – 5 vol.	REF PS 147 A42 1988 VAN
American Writers; a Collection of Literary Biographies – 4 vol.	REF PS 129 A55 WEB
British Writers – 8 vol. + supplements	REF PR 85 B688 WEB VAN
Caribbean Writers	REF PN 849 C3C3 VAN
<i>Literature Resource Center</i> includes:	Database: <a href="#">Literature Resource Center</a>
Contemporary Authors	
Dictionary of Literary Biography	
<i>Literature Resource Center</i> also includes <b>selections</b> from:	
Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism	
Contemporary Literary Criticism	
Dictionary of Literary Biography	
Drama Criticism	
Literature Criticism from 1400 to 1800	
Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism	

## *Books of Literary Criticism and Bibliographies*

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In **CLUES** search **More Options: Subject Heading** or **Keywords in Subject Heading**, using the author's name as a subject heading, last name first. Look for subdivisions, such as **Bibliography, Characters, Criticism and Interpretation**, or the title of a literary work. Examples:

SUBJECT: [Austen Jane 1775 1817 Criticism And Interpretation](#)  
SUBJECT: [Dickens Charles 1812 1870 Characters](#)  
SUBJECT: [Twain Mark 1835 1910 Adventures Of Huckleberry Finn](#)  
SUBJECT: [James Henry 1843 1916 Bibliography](#)

## *Databases and Periodical Indexes*

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When searching for **secondary sources** on a literary topic, one generally begins by finding books in **CLUES**, then by identifying scholarly journal articles in a bibliographic database. The **MLAIB** and **ABELL**, which can be searched simultaneously, are normally the first databases to consult.

**MLA International Bibliography (MLAIB)** (1926-onward) – Provides references to articles from more than 4,400 journals, as well as dissertations, and essays in books. Includes selective fulltext

**ABELL: Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature** (1920-onward) – Provides references to journal articles, books, dissertations, and book reviews. Includes selective fulltext.

### **Other Databases and Indexes:**

**Alternative Press Index** (1969-onward) – provides citations to articles from non-traditional information sources.

**British Humanities Index** – A multidisciplinary periodical index with significant coverage of literary arts topics. Locations: Vanier Indexes (1966-96), Webster Indexes (1959-onward) PE 1 A2, and Webster Reference CD-ROM (2003-onward)

**Essay and General Literature Index** (1900-onward) – Provides references to essays and articles contained in books published in the United States, Great Britain, and Canada. Locations: Vanier Index (1900-2004) and Webster Index (1900-onward) AI 3 E8

**IMB: International Medieval Bibliography** (1967-onward) – Provides references to journal articles and other items, covering all aspects of medieval studies from 450 to 1500.

**Iter: Gateway to the Middle Ages and Renaissance** (1784-onward) – Provides references to journal articles and other items, covering all aspects of the Middle Ages and Renaissance from 400 to 1700.

**Literature Online (LION)** – A fulltext database consisting of more than 350,000 works of English and American poetry, drama, and prose from 600 to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Includes some later 20<sup>th</sup> century poems.

**Literature Resource Center (LRC)** – Provides fulltext of biographies, bibliographies, and critical analyses of authors from every age and literary discipline. Includes more than 250 fulltext journals.

## *Literary History*

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Cambridge History of American Literature – 8 vol. projected  
Cambridge History of English Literature – 15 vol.

PS 92 C34 1994 WEB 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
PR 83 C3 1932 VAN REF & WEB 4<sup>th</sup>

Cambridge History of Medieval English Literature  
Columbia Literary History of the United States  
Oxford English Literary History – 13 vol. projected  
Short Oxford History of English Literature

PR 255 C35 1999 WEB 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
REF PS 92 C64 1988 WEB VAN  
PR 85 O96 2002 WEB 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
PR 83 S26 1994 WEB 4<sup>th</sup> floor

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## *General Bibliographies*

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Cambridge Bibliography of English Literature. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. – 6 vol. projected  
Contemporary Canadian and U.S. Women of Letters: An Annotated Bibliography  
New Cambridge Bibliography of English Literature (1969-1977) – 5 vol.  
Year's Work in Critical and Cultural Theory  
Year's Work in English Studies (Print:1919-onward REF PE 58 E5 WEB)

REF PR 83 N45+ 1999 WEB  
REF PS 8089.5 W6G46 1993  
WEB VAN  
REF PR 83 N45+ WEB VAN  
[Database](#): 1996-onward  
[Database](#): 1996-onward

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## *Book Review Indexes*

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ABELL: Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature  
Book Review Digest (1905-onward)  
Book Review Index (WEB 1980-onward, VAN 1970-onward)  
Canadian Periodical Index - See section "book reviews." (1920-2002)  
Combined Retrospective Index to Book Reviews in Humanities Journals, 1802-1974  
Combined Retrospective Index to Book Reviews in Scholarly Journals, 1886-1974  
Humanities Abstracts (1984-onward)  
Humanities Index (book review section in the back of each volume)

Database: [ABELL](#)  
INDEX Z 1219 B6 WEB  
INDEX Z 1035 A1B62  
INDEX AI 3 C2 WEB VAN  
INDEX Z 1035 A1C63X WEB  
INDEX Z 1035 A1C64 WEB  
[Database](#)  
INDEX AI 3 I521+ WEB VAN

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## *Indexes to Collections*

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Columbia Granger's Index to Poetry  
Columbia Granger's Index to Poetry in Anthologies  
Columbia Granger's Index to Poetry in Collected and Selected Works  
Essay and General Literature Index (1900-onward)  
Inter-Play: An On-line Index to Plays in Collections, Anthologies and Periodicals (free on the Internet – late 1800s-onward)  
Play Index (WEB REF 1949-1997 VAN REF 1949-onward)  
Short Story Index (WEB REF 1950-1989 VAN REF 1950-onward)

REF PN 1022 H39 1994 WEB VAN  
REF PN 1022 H39 2002 WEB  
REF PN 1022 C63 1996 WEB  
REF, INDEX AI 3 E8 WEB VAN  
[Database](#)  
REF PN 1655 P55+ WEB VAN  
REF Z 5917 S5C6 WEB VAN

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## *Directories*

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International Literary Market Place  
Literary Market Place: The Directory of American Book Publishing  
MLA Directory of Periodicals (via MLA International Bibliography)

REF PN 161 W26 WEB VAN  
REF PN 161 L5 VAN  
[Database](#)

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