

# LITERARY CRITICISM

# Bibliotips

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Before starting your search for literary criticism, ask yourself these questions: *What is the author's full name? What is the author's nationality? What kind of literature did s/he write? When did s/he write?* Then try these steps:

1) Search the library catalog using the author's name as a subject, for example, DICKENS, CHARLES. Under the author's name look for helpful subheadings such as BIBLIOGRAPHY or CRITICISM AND INTERPRETATION. Sometimes the work itself will appear as a subheading. (HINT: A bibliography which lists critical writings about the author will be a real time-saver!)

2) Look up your author or his/her work in one of the following reference sources to locate journal articles, essays or books. The source you use will depend on the type of information you need. If your author writes in a particular field such as science fiction, there may be a reference work specific to that field.

## CRITICISM OF SPECIFIC WORKS

REF Z 1231 .P7 A44 1984	AMERICAN AND BRITISH POETRY: A GUIDE TO CRITICISM 1925-1990
REF Z 1231 .D7 P3 1979	AMERICAN DRAMA CRITICISM
REF Z 1231 .F4 G4	THE AMERICAN NOVEL
REF Z 1231 .D7 A53 1989	AMERICAN PLAYWRIGHTS SINCE 1945
REF Z 1231 .P7 L46 1989	AMERICAN POETRY EXPLICATION
REF Z 1231 .F4 A34 1996	THE CONTEMPORARY NOVEL
REF Z 5781 .C652	DRAMA CRITICISM
REF Z 2014 .F5 P26	ENGLISH NOVEL EXPLICATION
REF Z 5781 .P2	EUROPEAN DRAMA CRITICISM
REF PR 861 .B38 1997	GUIDE TO BRITISH PROSE EXPLICATION 19th & 20th CENTURIES
REF Z 6511 .M25	MAGILL'S BIBLIOGRAPHY OF LITERARY CRITICISM
REF Z 2014 .P7 K8	POETRY EXPLICATION
REF Z 5917 .S5 T5	SHORT FICTION CRITICISM
REF Z 5917 .S5 W3	TWENTIETH CENTURY SHORT STORY EXPLICATION

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### INFORMATION ABOUT AN AUTHOR

REF PS 147 .A4	AMERICAN WOMEN WRITERS
REF PS 129 .A55	AMERICAN WRITERS
REF PA 3002 .A5 1982	ANCIENT WRITERS: GREECE AND ROME
REF PS 153 .A84 A82 1999	ASIAN AMERICAN LITERATURE
REF PN 452 .A939 1989	AUTHORS AND ARTISTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS
REF PR 85 .B688	BRITISH WRITERS
REF Z 1224 .C6	CONTEMPORARY AUTHORS
REF PR 883 .V55	CONTEMPORARY NOVELISTS
REF PN 51 .C6235 1993	CONTEMPORARY WORLD WRITERS
REF PS 21 .D52	DICTIONARY OF LITERARY BIOGRAPHY (for American writers)
REF Z 5304 .A8 F46 1996	FEMINIST WRITERS
REF PN 109 .H57 1990	HISPANIC WRITERS
REF PN 771 .M27 1999	MAJOR 20TH CENTURY WRITERS
REF PN 451 .S6	SOMETHING ABOUT THE AUTHOR (for children's writers)
REF Z 1609 .L7S6 1990	SPANISH AMERICAN WOMEN WRITERS

### INFORMATION ABOUT AUTHORS AND THEIR WORKS

REF Z 6519 .P66	ARTICLES ON TWENTIETH CENTURY LITERATURE
REF Z 2013.5 .W6 S37	ARTICLES ON WOMEN WRITERS
REF PS 153 .N5 B556 1992	BLACK LITERATURE CRITICISM
REF PN 771 .C59	CONTEMPORARY LITERARY CRITICISM
INDEX REF 7	ESSAY AND GENERAL LITERATURE INDEX (for essays in books)
REF PQ 7081 .A1 H573 1994	HISPANIC LITERATURE CRITICISM
INDEX REF 7 ELECTRONIC DATABASES	HUMANITIES INDEX ( <i>formerly</i> : SOCIAL SCIENCE and HUMANITIES INDEX; INTERNATIONAL INDEX) (for journal articles)
REF PR 473 .T4	A LIBRARY OF LITERARY CRITICISM: MODERN BRITISH LITERATURE
INDEX REF 7 ELECTRONIC DATABASES	MLA INTERNATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY
REF PR 83 .M73	MOULTON'S LIBRARY OF LITERARY CRITICISM OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN AUTHORS
REF PN 761 .N5	NINETEENTH-CENTURY LITERATURE CRITICISM
REF PN 1105.5 P63	POETRY CRITICISM
REF PN 771 .G27	TWENTIETH-CENTURY LITERARY CRITICISM

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