1. **Select a topic** that you will enjoy researching. The more popular the work and/or author is, the easier it will be to find information to support your paper.

2. The librarians have created an online guide to help you with literary research. From the library webpage or the myYC Library page, **select Subject Guides**. Select the link to **Literature** under the Visual, Performing & Liberal Arts header.

3. **Find books** by selecting the Books tab; use the Search Library Catalog box.

4. **Begin** by selecting the “Browse” button, enter the author’s name (last name first), then change the search to **Subject**.
   - Review results and choose appropriate subjects.
   - Do a **Keyword** search by using the term “criticism” along with the title of the work and/or your author’s name. Select the Keyword radio button and change the search to **Words or Phrase**.
   - Select the **Literary Criticism subpage** under the Books tab to find a sampling of print and ebooks on literary criticism.

5. Select the **Articles tab** to explore our **Literature article databases** (“Literature Criticism Online LCO”, “Literature Online LION” and “Language and Literature JSTOR”).

6. **Explore a general article database** by selecting the **Databases A-Z** link at the top of the Article Databases box.

7. **Select the Websites tab** to explore recommend websites.

8. **Evaluate** your resources.
   - On the Articles page, click on the **Explore and Evaluate Your Information** link in the InfoBits Tutorial box.

9. **Cite** your resources in MLA format
   - Return to the Literature Subject Guide. Select the Citing tab for Call Numbers to print citation manuals and links to Online Citation Guides.
LIBRARY CATALOG: Books, CD’s, Videos, DVD’s

One of the first places to begin looking for resources is the Catalog. You can use the KEYWORD (words or phrase) or SUBJECT search to find works on a topic by typing a literary work, concept and/or author of interest such as A Rose for Emily criticism and/or Faulkner, William.

Once the list of titles is displayed, click on “Details” to find the call number and which library owns the material. You may need to scroll down the screen to find the call number. Many literature resources are found in the “PA,” “PN,” “PR” and “PS” sections of our collection.

If you need assistance looking for items by Subject, ask a librarian.
Use Literature Criticism Online (LCO) – to Find Literary Criticism & Author Information

One of the best ways to find literary information on a specific author and work is to use Literature Criticism Online. This database covers poetry, short stories, Shakespeare, 19th and 20th century literature and contemporary literature.

From the Subject Guides & Databases on the Library page, select Literature.

➢ Select the Articles tab and then Literature Criticism Online.

1. Select Advanced Search on the top of the screen.

2. Enter your author’s name on the first line and change the drop down box from “Full Text” to “Named Author”; enter the name of the author’s work on the second line and leave at “Full text”. Example: Tony Hillerman (Named Author) and Blessing Way (Full Text). Click the Search button.

There are two listings in the search results.
3. **Printing Literature Criticism Online (LCO) information**

   After choosing an entry from your search results list, select Print/View PDF in the upper left navigation box. On the next screen select either print page or entire document. Click on the Submit Request button. When the PDF version comes up, select the print icon from the PDF navigation bar.

   ![Print/View PDF option in LCO](image)

   **Gale’s Lit Index** is a resource which will guide you to printed volumes in the Gale series in the Library’s reference collection which are not available in Literature Criticism Online. A link to it is available on the **Basic Search** Screen.

   ![Gale’s Lit Index link](image)

   - After selecting **Gale’s Lit Index**, perform your search using **Author Search**, **Title Search** (include author’s name when known), or **Custom Search**.
   - From the Search results, select the link to see the titles in the Gale series that reference your author and/or work.
• Once you determine which titles contain your work of interest, check to see if these volumes are available in our Catalog by doing a **Title** search.

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Use Literature Online (LION) – Article Database to Find Literary Criticism & Author Information

Another way to find literary information on a specific author and work is to use the **Literature Online** database.

From the **Subject Guides & Databases** on the Library page, select Literature then **Select** the Articles tab and then

- **Select** **Literature Online**
  
  1. **Select Criticism and Reference** on the left side of the page.
2. Select **Criticism** to change your search type.

3. In the **Title Keyword** box, type your title **AND**
4. In the **Subject** box, type in your author’s name.
5. In the **Limit To** options, select **All**.
6. Click the purple **Search** button.

Example: A Rose for Emily by William Faulkner
Results: There are numerous criticism articles.

**Printing Literature Online (LION) information**
It is possible to print a **full text** article by selecting the **article title**, which launches the article, then using the print function through the browser.
Article Databases

Journals, magazines and newspapers can provide articles on literary concepts, authors and more. To search for articles, use an article database such as ProQuest Research Library.

From the Subject Guides on the Library page, select Literature then Select the Articles tab and then “ProQuest Research Library” or “Language & Literature – JSTOR”. Use the same keyword or subject terms that you used when searching the Catalog.

- Use the database’s “Suggested Subjects” to refine your search.

Language & Literature (JSTOR)

This provides full text, scholarly articles on world literature, literary criticism, and theory.
Search Results & Notes

Library Catalog
Search Terms:
Results:
Successes/Problems

LCO (Literature Criticism Online) including Gale’s Lit Index:
Search Terms:
Results:
Success/Problems:

LION (Literature Online):
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Language & Literature (JSTOR):
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