Use the online catalog to find information on a dramatist or play. To locate literary criticism, type in the name of the dramatist or the play and add “criticism or interpretation” in parenthesis.

Example: Tennessee Williams and (criticism or interpretation)
Othello and (criticism or interpretation)

CRITICISM OF PLAYS

American Drama Criticism
Interpretation 1890-1977, 2nd Ed. (This work has three supplementary volumes.)
Criticism published in books and periodicals of plays by American writers between 1890-1977.

Bloom’s Literary Criticism
These may be located in the online catalog by searching “words or phrase” with the terms “Bloom” and the author’s name or the title of the work.
Example: Bloom and Loraine Hansberry (to search by author)
Bloom and The Glass Menagerie (to search by title)

Critical Survey of Drama
PN 3452 C75 2000 REF
This eight-volume set includes articles on over 400 dramatists. Each entry consists of information on other literary forms, achievements, biography, play analyses, and a bibliography.

Drama Criticism
These volumes contain biographical information on dramatists and critical excerpts on plays.

European Drama Criticism, 1900-1975, 2nd edition
Sourcebook of selected critical writings published in books & periodicals on representative European plays.

RESOURCES FOR ALL LITERARY FORMS INCLUDING PLAYS

Dictionary of Literary Biography (DLB)
Provides biographical and critical information on authors and their works including plays and dramatists. To locate the volumes on plays in the online catalog, perform a “words or phrase” search using the words dictionary and literary and biography and plays.
**Nineteenth Century Literature Criticism (NCLC)**
PN761 N56 REF
This work provides biographical and critical excerpts of dramatists, playwrights, short story writers, and other creative writers who died between 1800-1899.

**Twentieth Century Literary Criticism (TCLC)**
PN771 G27 REF
This work provides biographical and critical excerpts of dramatists, playwrights, short story writers, and other creative writers who died between 1900-1959.

**Contemporary Literary Criticism (CLC)**
PN771 C59 REF
This work provides biographical and critical excerpts of dramatists, playwrights, short story writers, and other creative writers now living or who died after December 31, 1959.

**General Reference Sources**

*Masterplots: Revised Edition*
Index Table 8B
This twelve-volume set covers 2010 plot summaries with critical essays. The summaries cover plays, poetry, short stories, drama, and essays. The plot summaries are arranged alphabetically by title and are approximately 1500 words in length.

*Masterplots II: Drama Series*
Index Table 8B
This volume includes a number of writers not included in the original series.

**PERIODICAL RESOURCES**

*Humanities Index, 1907-2008*
Index Table 1A
Previous titles: *International Index* and *Social Science and Humanities Index*
Provides citations to articles on dramatists and their works. Look up the author’s name by last name to find biographical and critical articles.

**ELECTRONIC RESOURCES**

Academic Search Complete
JSTOR
Literary Reference Center
Literature Resource Center
MLA International Bibliography
Project Muse