Literary Criticism involves the interpretation of literature, as well as its evaluation. This is a small sample of resources available in print and electronic formats to assist you in researching authors and their works.

Authors

Contemporary Authors
Dictionary of Literary Biography
Something About The Author

PN 771 .C61 Ref
PN 501.D5 Ref
PN 451 S6 Ref

Book Reviews

Book Review Digest
Book Review Index
New York Times Index

Z 1219 C95 Ref
Z 1035 A1 B6 Ref
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Indices

Humanities Index
Reader’s Guide to Periodical Literature
Essay and General Literature Index

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Literary Criticism

Bloom “Contemporary Literary Views” Books
Contemporary Literary Criticism
Drama Criticism
Masterplots
Nineteenth Century Literary Criticism
Poetry Criticism
Short Story Criticism
Twentieth Century Literary Criticism

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PN 771 C59 Ref
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PN 771 G27 Ref

Literary Terms

Book of Literary Terms
Concise Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms
Dictionary of Literary Terms and Literary Theory

PN 44.5 .T87 1999 Ref
PN 41 C67 1990 Ref
PN 41 .C83 1998 Ref

Subject-Specific Resources

African American Writers
American Writers
Black Literature Criticism
Contemporary Dramatists
Contemporary Novelists

PS 153 N5 A344 1991 Ref
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PR 106 V5 1988 Ref
PR 883 V55 1986 Ref
Electronic Resources

All of these electronic resources are available in the library or through the library web page. To find these and other recommended databases, select Literature from the Databases by Subject menu. All databases may be searched from off-campus locations by following the instructions on the web page.

*Academic Search Complete* – Large academic database covering a wide variety of academic topics including social sciences, humanities, education, engineering, chemistry, medical sciences, and many more.

*JSTOR* – Journal archive with full-text coverage of sixteen literary journals from the first issue to the last few years.

*Literature Resource Center* – Includes literary criticism, author biographies, full-text articles, and book reviews.

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*MLA Bibliography* – Scholarly database containing bibliographic records for books & articles pertaining to literature, language, linguistics, and folklore; most appropriate for graduate and faculty level research.

*NetLibrary* – ebooks owned by NSU Libraries.

*NSU Journals List* – The authoritative list of all journals available in the library and full text in the databases. Search by title or browse by subject.

*Project Muse* – Full text access to scholarly, peer reviewed journals in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

*Gale Virtual Reference Books* – ebooks owned by NSU Libraries (a growing collection!)

Internet Resources

- English Resources: [http://falcon.jmu.edu/~williaps/english.html](http://falcon.jmu.edu/~williaps/english.html)
- Eserver.org: Accessible Writing: [http://eserver.org](http://eserver.org)
- Project Gutenberg: [http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page](http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page)
- Voice of the Shuttle: [http://vos.ucsb.edu/](http://vos.ucsb.edu/)