Locating information on an individual poem requires using a number of different sources. You may have to look up the poem and the poet in addition to the critique. The following guide will provide suggestions for your research.

Use the online catalog to find information on the poet and collections of poetry. To locate literary criticism, type in the name of the poet or the title of the poem and add “criticism or interpretation” in parenthesis.

For example: Robert Frost and (criticism or interpretation)

**To Locate Individual Poems**

- The Columbia Granger’s Index to Poetry, 1904-  
- Index to Black Poetry, 1974  
- Index to Poetry for Children and Young Adults, 1942-1981

**Criticism and Interpretation of Poems**

- Bloom’s Literary Criticism

These may be located in the online catalog by performing a “words or phrase” search using the terms “Bloom” and the author’s name or title of the work.

- For example: Bloom and Emily Dickinson
  Bloom and the Wasteland

**Guide to American Poetry Explication, 1989**
- Volume 1: Colonial to Nineteenth Century
- Volume 2: Modern and Contemporary

**Guide to British Poetry Explication, 1991**
- Volume 1: Old English–Medieval
- Volume 2: Renaissance

**Critical Survey of Poetry, 2003, 2nd Rev Ed, 8 Vols**

**Resources for all Literary Forms Including Poetry**

**Dictionary of Literary Biography (DLB)**
PN501 D5 REF
This multi-volume set provides biographical information and critical excerpts on authors and their works, including poets and poetry.
Nineteenth Century Literature Criticism (NCLC)  PN761 N56 REF
This multi-volume set provides biographical information and critical excerpts on novelists, playwrights, short story writers, and other creative writers who died between 1800-1899.

Twentieth Century Literary Criticism (TCLC)  PN771 G27 REF
This multi-volume set provides biographical information and critical excerpts on novelists, playwrights, short story writers, and other creative writers who died between 1900-1959.

Contemporary Literary Criticism (CLC)  PN771 C59 REF
This multi-volume set provides biographical information and critical excerpts on novelists, playwrights, short story writers, and other creative writers now living or who died after December 31, 1959.

General Reference Sources

Masterplots II: Poetry  Index Table 8B
This multi-volume set provides information on the themes of major works of poetry.

Periodical Resources

Humanities Index, 1907- 2009  Index Table 1A
Previous titles: International Index and Social Sciences and Humanities Index. This multi-volume set provides citations to articles on poets and poetry. Look up the author’s name by last name to find biographical and critical articles.

Electronic Resources

- Academic Search Complete
- Literary Reference Center
- Literature Resource Center
- JSTOR
- MLA International Bibliography
- NSU Journals List
- Project Muse