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  Reference Desk
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  Reference Desk
This volume includes a number of writers not included in the original series.

**PERIODICAL RESOURCES**

_Humanities Index_, 1907  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**

_Literature Resource Center_
The best place to check first for literary criticism and information on authors.

_Literary Reference Center_
Contains articles on literary criticism and authors

_Academic Search Premier_
Search by author’s name or name of the play.

_JSTOR_
Archive of selected journals from the first date of publication and contains full-text
of all articles in PDF format.