

SELECTED MAJOR LITERARY RESOURCES A GUIDE PREPARED FOR ENGLISH 200, FALL 2009

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A. INDICES AND ABSTRACTS

1. Modern Language Association International Bibliography
1921/25-present Doe Ref Periodical Indexes PB25.A12.M6
1926-present Web
Largest index to scholarly articles on literature, theater, folklore, and linguistics. Until 1956, the emphasis was on scholarship by US scholars. Better subject indexing instituted in 1981; care is needed for subject searching before that time. Includes indexing of monographs only when the publisher sends a free copy to the MLA. Includes only substantial scholarly book reviews.
2. Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature 1920- Web
Covers scholarship about literatures written in English. Most indexing is done by volunteers. Includes book reviews. Searches full-text of almost 200 journals. Retrospective indexing goes back to 1892.
3. Academic Search Complete Web
Indexes nearly 10,000 journals from all disciplines and includes full-text for 6000 more. Useful for reception history because of the inclusion of book reviews (which MLAIB does not include). Often indexes literary journals before the MLAIB.
4. Year's Work in English Studies Web and Doe Ref, NRLF and Main PE58.E6.Y4
Online access to the most recent annual with a link to the archive which begins with 1919. YWES is a review of selected scholarly work about literature written in English.
5. Year's Work in Critical and Cultural Theory Web and Doe Ref PN80.Y43
Narrative bibliography of the year's scholarship in theory.
6. American Literary Scholarship: An Annual Doe Ref PS3.A47 (last 5 years); older in stacks
Available on web: JSTOR starting with 1998 and Highwire from 2000. Review of current scholarship on key authors and movements.
- 7a. Periodicals Index Online Web
Indexes over 5,000 international journals published 1665-1995.
- 7b. Periodicals Archives Online Web
Online archive of 500 journals, published 1802-1995, in the humanities and social sciences.
8. Literature Resource Center Web
Intriguing and sometimes misleading combination of full-text biographical and critical information. Especially useful for contemporary authors because of citations to early reviews.

9. Essay and General Literature Index 1900- From 1985 on Web; Main Stack AJ3.E82 and Doe Ref AI3.E752
Indexes monograph collections of essays often not indexed elsewhere.
10. Humanities International Complete Web
Indexes over 2100 journals in the humanities and includes full text for 900 of them.
11. Dissertations & Theses Web
Indexes many U. S. dissertations from 1861-present. Those from 1980-present include short abstracts. Many recent entries include the first 24 pages of the dissertation. Can download UC dissertations indexed after 1996 without cost.
12. International Medieval Bibliography Web
Index to scholarly writing about the period 400-1500 CE.
13. ITER: Gateway to the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Web
Includes several resources including a bibliography of materials about the period.
14. World Shakespeare Bibliography Online Web
Inclusive international index to scholarship about Shakespeare, including scholarly articles, book reviews, dissertations, media and production reviews.
15. Victorian Database Online Web
Indexes articles, books, and dissertations published from 1945-2006 about Victorian Britain (defined as 1839-1914). Covers all disciplines.
16. C19: the Nineteenth Century Index Web
An index that searches the Nineteenth-Century Short Title Catalogue, Poole's Index to Periodical Literature, the Wellesley Index to Victorian Periodicals 1824-1900, and the following Chadwyck-Healey databases: American Periodicals, British Periodicals, Archives Finder, House of Commons Parliamentary Papers, Palmer's Index to *The Times*, Periodicals Index Online and Periodicals Archives Online.
17. Johns Hopkins Guide to Literary Theory & Criticism Web
Historical survey of the most important figures, schools, and movements in literary theory and discourse.
- 18a. America History and Life, 1964- Web
Indexes scholarship on U. S. and Canadian history from prehistory to the present.
- 18b. Historical Abstracts, 1960- Web
Indexes scholarship on world history (except the U. S. and Canada) from 1450 to now.
19. Philosopher's Index Web
Coverage 1940-present for US and 1967-present for international. Best index for philosophy. Also includes literary theory.
20. PsycInfo, 1872-present Web
Index to the literature of psychology and related disciplines beginning in 1887.
21. International Index to the Performing Arts Web
Indexes a number of journals and newspapers, some as far back as 1864, a growing number with full text. Every citation from 1998 on has an abstract of the article.
22. Black Studies Center Web
Includes three modules: The Schomburg Studies on the Black Experience which includes interdisciplinary essays on the Black Experience; International Index to Black Periodicals (IIBP), a

database covering some 150 scholarly and popular Black Studies journals, many of them in full text; and the full text backfile of the influential black newspaper The Chicago Defender (1910-75).

23. Oxford English Dictionary (OED) Web

Includes definitions, examples of use, etymologies. The online OED is updated regularly.

B. RESEARCH DATABASES: TEXTS

1. Literature OnLine (LiOn) Web

Large gathering of English and American literature which can be searched in a variety of ways, including by word, phrase, or author. Useful in locating online texts, in finding key phrases or words in an author's work. Now offers a way to search the MLAIB and ABELL simultaneously.

2. Dictionary of Old English/Old English Corpus Web

A complete record of over 3000 Old English texts (except for some manuscript variants). We will soon have online access to the dictionary as well as the corpus.

3. Middle English Compendium <http://www.hti.umich.edu/mec/>

Contains an electronic version of the Middle English Dictionary, a HyperBibliography of Middle English prose and verse based on the MED bibliographies, and a Corpus of Middle English Prose and Verse, and links to related electronic resources.

4. Early English Books Online (EEBO) Web

Web PDF versions of many titles indexed in Pollard & Redgrave, Wing and the Thomason Tracts (1475-1700), and the English Short Title Catalogue. Covers publications issued in Britain and its colonies in all languages and those issued in Europe in English.

5. Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO) Web

Searchable full-text of over 150,000 titles published in all languages in Britain and its colonies and in English in Europe.

6. Archive of Americana Web

A grouping of full-text books, pamphlets, newspapers and government publications. Titles include those listed in Early American Imprints, Series 1 (1639-1800), which is based on the *American Bibliography* by Charles Evans and covers every aspect of life in 17th- and 18th-century America. It also includes Early American Imprints, Series II (1801-1819), which is based on the Shaw/Shoemaker extension of Evans. The Archive also consists of Early American Newspapers, Series I (1690-1876), American State Papers, 1789-1838, and the U. S. Congressional Serial Set, 1817-1970.

7. ebrary Web

Complete text of over 37,000 books from 17 key disciplines, including literature. Requires the installation of a reader.

8. UC digitization partners: Google Book Search <http://books.google.com/>

Internet Archive Text Archive <http://www.archive.org/details/texts>

C. RESEARCH DATABASES: JOURNALS AND NEWSPAPERS

1. Project Muse Web

Online access to recent issues of over 380 journals from 89 scholarly publishers.

2. JSTOR Web

Archive of over 1,000 scholarly journals. Most journals have a moving wall of coverage; that is, only older journals (from 1-10 years old) are in JSTOR.

3. Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe Web
Full-text or abstracts of newspapers and journals. Useful for contemporary book reviews, interviews or news about authors/publishers. International coverage of over 6000 titles.
4. Access World News Web
Full-text of over 600 U.S. and 700 international papers. Coverage tends to be fairly recent with some going back to the 1970s.
5. Ethnic NewsWatch and Ethnic NewsWatch: A History Web
News from almost 300 publications of minority and ethnic presses from 1959 on, many full-text.
6. GenderWatch, 1970- Web
Full text database of diverse publications on the impact of gender going back to 1970.
7. Historical Newspapers (ProQuest) Web
Full text images of *The New York Times*, 1851-2003, *The Wall Street Journal*, 1889-1989, *The Washington Post*, 1877-1990, *The Los Angeles Times*, 1881-1985, *The Chicago Tribune*, 1849-1985. Some full-text for older papers.
8. Times Digital Archive 1785-1985 Web
Online access to *The Times*. Does not include the *Sunday Times*.
9. Historical Newspapers Online Web
Indexes Palmer's Index to *The Times*, 1790-1905, The Official Index to *The Times*, 1906-1980 and *Times Full Text*, 1785-1870, Historical Index to *The New York Times*, 1851-1922
10. Archive Americana Web
We have access to Early American Newspapers, Series 1, the text of over 700 papers published 1690-1876.

D. BOOK REVIEWS

See first: ABELL, Academic Search Complete, LRC, Shakespeare Online, Lexis-Nexis

1. Gale sets, including: Literature Criticism from 1400-1800 Doe Ref PN86.L53; Shakespearean Criticism Doe Ref PR2965.S43; Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism Doe Ref PN761.N5; Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism Doe Ref PN2.T82; Contemporary Literary Criticism Doe Ref PN80.C6. Some available full-text in Literature Resource Center (see above).
Quick way to trace reception and locate early reviews. Indexed in LRC or most recent volumes.
2. Reader's Guide Retrospective, 1890-1992 Web
Indexes general interest U.S. periodical literature. Useful for interviews, book reviews, articles.
3. Book Review Digest Retrospective: 1905-1982 & Book Review Digest Plus 1983- Web
Indexes and excerpts reviews of English-language fiction and non-fiction.
4. International Bibliography of Book Reviews of Scholarly Literature in the Humanities and Social Sciences (IBR) Web
Online coverage starts in 1985. Definitely international, but 65% of the reviews are in English.
5. TLS, the Times Literary Supplement Centenary Archive 1902-1990 Web
Full-text with images, includes the TLS and identifies authors of anonymous reviews.
6. Book Review Index Doe Ref Z1035.A1.B62 1965-present
More inclusive than Book Review Digest, but does not include excerpts of review.

7. Combined Retrospective Index to Book Reviews in Humanities Journals 1802-1974
Doe Ref Z1035.A1.C62 1982 Periodical Indexes
8. Combined Retrospective Index to Book Reviews in Scholarly Journals, 1886-1974
Doe Ref Z1035.A1.C63 Periodical Indexes
9. Index to Book Reviews in the Humanities 1960-90 Doe Ref Z1035.A1.I6

E. LOCATING MANUSCRIPTS (A HIGHLY SELECTIVE LIST)

1. ArchiveGrid Web
Important tool for locating personal papers and the location of various archives.
2. Robbins, John Albert. American Literary Manuscripts: A Checklist of Holdings in Academic, Historical, and Public Libraries, Museums, and Author's Homes in the United States
Doe Ref PS88.R6 1977
3. Index of English Literary Manuscripts Doe Ref PR83.A12.I5
- 4a. Location Register of English Literary Manuscripts and Letters, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries Doe Ref PR441.A12.L63 1995
- 4b. Location Register of twentieth-century English literary manuscripts and letters.
Doe Ref PR471.A12.L63 1988
5. National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections. <http://lcweb.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/>
6. National Register of Archives. <http://www.nra.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra/>
7. Archives Finder Web
Needs more frequent updating but still can be useful.

F. OTHER RESOURCES

1. National Union Catalog, pre-1956 Imprints Main Z733.U57.C22556
Titles held by many U. S. libraries, including the Library of Congress. Includes information about which libraries own the title.
2. Library of Congress Online Catalog <http://catalog.loc.gov/>
Does NOT include every title in the NUC.
- 3a. The British Library General Catalogue of Printed Books to 1975
Gardner Stack Z921 .B8542 1975
- 3b. British Library Catalogues <http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/toppage.html>
Does NOT include every title in the General Catalogue
4. WorldCat Web
Online catalog of holdings of research and many public libraries. Does NOT include everything in the NUC or the British Library General Catalogue.
5. European Library <http://search.theeuropeanlibrary.org/portal/en/index.html#>
Portal to the catalogs of European national libraries.
6. Global Books in Print Web
Use in conjunction with the various Amazons because it's international and many entries include book reviews. Good way to find out what editions are currently available for purchase.

7. Harner, James L. *Literary Research Guide: An Annotated Listing of Reference Sources in English Literary Studies*. New York: Modern Language Assn., 2008. 5th ed.
Doe Ref Z2011.H34 2008
The bible for any kind of literary research. Thorough descriptions and evaluations of resources with crucial information about gaps in coverage.
8. Marcuse, Michael. *A Reference Guide for English Studies* Doe Ref PR56.M37 1990
Even though dated, this tool is still useful because it includes more than literary resources.
9. *Guide to Reference* Web
Master listing of over 16,000 reference titles. Crucial tool for finding what you need in print and online reference sources.
- 10a. *The Cambridge Bibliography of English Literature*.
3rd ed., 1999- Doe Ref PR83.A12.N45 1999 (only volume covering 1800-1900 published)
- 10b. *The New Cambridge Bibliography of English Literature*
2nd ed, 1969-77. Doe Ref Z2001.C3 1969
Helpful guide to editions, early articles about the authors.

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