

LITERATURES IN ENGLISH

A Notre Dame Library Guide

Comprehensive Guides

Literary Research Guide: An Annotated Listing of Reference Sources in English Literary Studies, by James Harner, describes hundreds of information sources. Ref PR 83 .H376 2002.

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The MLA International Bibliography of Books and Articles on the Modern Languages and Literatures (MLAIB), indexes books, dissertations, and about 2,000 journals relating to the modern languages and literatures, critical theories, and folklore. This online database goes back as far as 1963, but coverage may be extended back to the 1920s imminently.

Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature (ABELL) includes monographs, periodical articles, critical editions of literary works, book reviews, collections of essays, and doctoral dissertations published since 1920.

Annotated Bibliography of English Studies (ABES) is far more selective than the above two, but it annotates the books and articles that it identifies.

Other Important Indexes

Online:

America: History and Life.

American Literary Scholarship.

Arts and Humanities Citation Index.

Book Review Digest. Online.

Dissertation Abstracts International.

Essay and General Literature Index.

Historical Abstracts.

Humanities Abstracts.

International Medieval Bibliography.

Periodicals Index Online.

The Year's Work in English Studies.

In print:

Bibliographic Index.

Book Review Index.

Literary Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

Online:

The Johns Hopkins Guide to Literary Theory and Criticism.

Oxford English Dictionary.

In print:

The Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics. Oxford, NY: Pergamon, 1994. 10v.

Ref P 29 .E48 1994.

Benet's Reader's Encyclopedia. 4th ed. NY: Harper Collins, 1996. Ref PN 41 .B4 1996.

Other Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

Online:

Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy.

The Grove Dictionary of Art Online.

In print:

Dictionary of the Middle Ages. 13v. Ref D 114 .D5 1982. [Also in Medieval Institute.]

Encyclopedia of the Renaissance. 6v. Ref CB 361 .E52 1999.

The Encyclopedia of Romanticism: Culture in Britain, 1780s-1830s. Ref DA 529 .E53 1992. [Similar one-volume dictionaries cover Tudor, 18th-century, and Victorian England.]

The Dictionary of American History. 3d ed. 10v. Ref E 174 .D52 2003.

Biographical Resources

Online:

Literature Resource Center provides either summaries or lengthy articles about authors' lives and careers (based on the print series, "Contemporary Authors," and "Dictionary of Literary Biography" or "DLB"). It also includes a historical time-line (chronology) and the full text of selected critical articles.

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography provides over 50,000 biographies of British subjects from the earliest times to the year 2000. Also in print (60v.).

See also:

Biography and Genealogy Master Index.

Biography Resource Center.

In print:

Dictionary of Literary Biography Yearbook.

Authors' Manuscripts

Online:

Literature Resource Center.

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography.

In print:

Index of English Literary Manuscripts. London: Mansell; NY: Bowker, 19—80- .Ref PR 83 .I5.

Location Register of Twentieth-Century English Literary Manuscripts and Letters: A Union List of Papers of Modern English, Irish, Scottish, and Welsh Authors in the British Isles. London: British Library, 1988. 2v. Ref PR 471.L633 1988.

The Library has many manuscripts in microform; see the list, "Literary Microforms at Notre Dame," on the Library's web site under "Find Resources by Subject—Language and Literature, English—Formats." Also, search the Library's catalog by entering the author's name and the words "manuscript*," "archive*," or "papers."

Full-Text Databases

LION (*Literature Online*) includes the texts of over 350,000 poems, plays, short stories, and entire novels.

EEBO (*Early English Books Online*) has scanned images of 125,000 books published in British territory and books in English elsewhere from 1475 to 1700. Ultimately, 25,000 of these will be full-text searchable.

ECCO (*Eighteenth-Century Collections Online*) has 150,000 keyword-searchable texts of the 336,517 listed in ESTC (*English Short-Title Catalogue*). Other examples are *New York Times* and *Early American Imprints*.

Major Microfilm Collections

"**Early English Books**" contains the books listed in the STC (*Short-Title Catalogue...* of English books published from 1475 to 1640) and in Wing (the *Short-Title Catalogue...* of English books published from 1641 to 1700). Many of the early books (1475-1700) are also accessible online through EEBO. "**The Eighteenth Century**" includes English books published from 1701 to 1800; use the ESTC to identify texts and find microfilm reel numbers. "**Early English Newspapers**" contains hundreds of newspapers published from the seventeenth to the nineteenth centuries. See also "Literary Microforms at Notre Dame."

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