



English Literature and Literary Analysis

a research guide: books, articles, web sites, & videos

Finding Books

- **How to Find Books in the ODU Library:**
Click on **Books** on the ODU Library homepage (<http://www.ohiodominican.edu/library>), then select **ODU Library Catalog**.
- **How to Find Books in Other OhioLINK Libraries:**
Click on **Books** from the ODU Library homepage and then select **OhioLINK Library Catalog**.
Or search in the ODU Library Catalog first, and then click on the OhioLINK button at the top of the library catalog results screen to search in the state-wide OhioLINK Library Catalog.
- **Online Guides to Help You Search:**
Guides to using the ODU Library Catalog and the OhioLINK Library Catalog are available online on the library's **Research Help** web page or in print by the library Reference Desk on the top floor of Spangler.

Reference Books—A Selection

Reference books provide a good starting point for your research. Reference items are located in the Library's Reference collection, behind the Reference Desk on the top floor of Spangler.

See also these related research guides: American Literature and Literary Analysis, Epic and Classical Literature, Humanities, Mythology/Folklore/Legend, Poetry, and Shakespeare Research.

Bibliographies

- Humor in Eighteenth & Nineteenth Century British Literature: A Reference Guide. R 016.827 N712h, 1998
- Literary Research Guide: An Annotated Listing of Reference Sources in English Literary Studies. R 016.8209 H2294l, 2002
- Oxford Chronology of English Literature. R 820.202 O24c 2 vols.

Biographies

For biographical sketches of the life and works of authors, as well as lists of works by subject, author, or title, consult the sources that follow.

- American National Biography. R 920.073 A512n, 1999 Multiple vols.
- British Writers. Selected Authors. R 823.009 B7779wr 3 vols.
- Contemporary Dramatists. R 822 C761, 1999
- Contemporary Women Poets. R 811 C7676w0, 1998
- An Encyclopedia of British Women Writers. R 820.9928 E5636b, 1999
- The Undergraduate's Companion to English Renaissance Writers and Their Web Sites. R 025.068 F1315u
- Who Was Who in Literature, 1906—1934. R 928.2 W628, 1979, 2 vols.

Criticism

- British Writers Classics. R 823.009 B7779w
- The Cambridge Companion to English literature, 1500-1600. R 820.9 C1442e, 2000
- The Cambridge History of English Literature. R 820.9 C178 15 vols.
- A Companion to Romanticism. R 820.9145 C7381r, 1999
- Library of Literary Criticism of English and American Authors through the Beginning of the Twentieth Century. R 820.9 M927 4 vols.
- Nineteenth Century Literature Criticism. R 809.034 N714 Multiple vols.
- Short Story Criticism. R 809.31 S559 Multiple vols.
- The Transitional Age: British Literature, 1880-1920. R 016.82 L389t, 1973
- Twentieth Century Literature Criticism. R 809.04 T971t Multiple vols.

Dictionaries

- A Dictionary of Biblical Allusions in English Literature. R 820.93 F963
- A Dictionary of Biblical Tradition in English Literature. R 820.9 J46d, 1992
- Dictionary of Irish Literature. R 820.99415 H714d, 1979
- A Dictionary of Literary Terms and Literary Theory. R 803 C893d, 1998
- Larousse Dictionary of Literary Characters. R 809.927 L332g, 1994
- A Milton Dictionary. R 821.47 M662H
- A Multicultural Dictionary of Literary Terms. R 803 C273m, 1999
- Victorian Culture and Society. R 941.071 R5411v
- Twentieth-Century Literary Movements Dictionary. R 809.9109 T97151, 2000

Encyclopedias and Handbooks

- Encyclopedia of Gothic Literature. R 809.911 S52e
- Encyclopedia of Literary Modernism. R809.911 E1951
- Encyclopedia of the Romantic Era 1760 – 1850. R 700.414 E197r vols. 1-2
- Encyclopedia of World Literature in the 20th Century. R 803 E198w, 1999 4 vols.
- English Literature: An Illustrated Record. R 820.9 G253e 4 vols.
- The Literary 100: A Ranking of the Most Influential Novelists, Playwrights, and Poets of All Time. R 809 B97311, 2001
- Merriam-Webster's Encyclopedia of Literature. R 803 M568, 1995
- Oxford Companion to English Literature. R 820.3 H342o, 2000

Guides to Specific Authors

- Agatha Christie A to Z: the Essential Reference to Her Life and Writings. R 823.912 S896a
- The Alexander Pope Encyclopedia. R 821.5 R6329a
- All Things Austen: An Encyclopedia of Austen's World. R 823.7 O82a, 2005 2 vols.
- Benet's Reader's Encyclopedia. R 803 B463re, 1996
- Charles Dickens A to Z. R 823.8 D548d, 1998
- Chaucer A to Z. R 821.1 R834c, 1999
- The C. S. Lewis Encyclopedia. R 823.912 D9349c
- The Grove Companion to Samuel Beckett. R 848.914 A572g, 2004
- An Ibsen Companion. R 839.8226 B915i, 1984
- James Joyce A to Z. R 823.912 F223, 1996
- A Milton Encyclopedia. R 821.47 M642e vols. 1-9
- A Mirror of Chaucer's World. R 821.17 L863
- The Oxford Companion to the Brontës. R 823.809 A264o
- Oxford Reader's Companion to Dickens. R 823.8 D548ox, 2000
- The Riverside Chaucer. R 821.17 C3931r
- Virginia Woolf A-Z: The Essential Reference to Her Life and Writings. R 823.912 H965v, 1996

Research Guides

- Literary Research Guide: An Annotated Listing of Reference Sources in English Literary Studies. R 016.8209 H2294I, 2002
- A Research Guide for Undergraduates: English and American Literature. R 820.72 B175r

Reference Resources Online

Literary Reference Center

Provides full-text access to many reference resources online, including:

- Merriam Webster's *Encyclopedia of Literature*;
- Beacham's six-volume *Research Guide to Biography and Criticism*;
- Continuum's encyclopedia's of American, British, and children's literature;
- *The New Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics* and *The Columbia Companion to the 20th Century American Short Story*;
- *The Oxford Illustrated History of English Literature*; *The Literary Encyclopedia*;
- *Masterplots* and *Masterplots II*; *Cyclopedia of World Authors*, *Cyclopedia of Literary Characters*, and *Magill's Literary Annual*;
- The Harold Bloom series of over 500 books; and additional resources of information on notable authors of long and short fiction, poetry, drama, and philosophy.

Masterplots Complete 2000

Full-text. On-campus access only; when prompted, click Open to access the file. Provides synopses of plays, character profiles, and brief author biographies including lists of major works.

To access: From the library homepage, click on **Articles in Databases**, then **English Language and Literature**.

Oxford Reference Online

Full-text. . Brings together 100 dictionaries and other reference books in various subjects into one searchable database. Includes under "Literature" the following: *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms*, *A Dictionary of Writers and their Works*, and *The Oxford Companion to English Literature*.

To access: From the library homepage, click on **Books**, and select **Oxford Reference Online**.

- For additional possibilities, click on **Quick Reference** from the ODU Library homepage, then under the heading of **Resources by Topic**, then choose either **Dictionaries** or **Encyclopedias**.

Full-text Primary Literature Online

To access: From the library homepage, click on **Articles in Databases**, then choose **English Language and Literature**.

Eighteenth Century Fiction

Full-text. Includes 96 works of prose fiction written in the British Isles from 1700 to 1780.

English Poetry

Full-text. Assembles over 160,000 poems by 1,350 poets written in English from 600 to 1900.

English Prose Drama

Full-text. Includes over 1,800 plays written in prose from the Renaissance to the end of the 19th century.

English Verse Drama

Full-text. Contains more than 2,200 works of poetry intended for the stage from 1400 to 1900.

William Butler Yeats Collection

Full-Text. A complete electronic edition of Yeats's work, that brings together 22 printed volumes and including critical and fictional prose, poetry, plays, and autobiographical works.

20th Century English Poetry

Full-Text. Over 44,000 poems by 288 poets, incorporating the Modern Poetry Collection and The Faber Poetry Library, as well as the complete text of each poem is included, and any integral images are also scanned. Introductions and prefaces to the volumes are included, as are all notes and any prose sections.

- For additional possibilities, click on **Quick Reference** from the ODU Library homepage, then under the heading of **Resources by Topic**, then choose either **Dictionaries** or **Encyclopedias**.

eBooks

NetLibrary

Full-text ebook database. Search among 15,000 ebooks from multiple disciplines, including reference books, other nonfiction, and fiction Search by keyword, title, or author.

To access: From the library homepage, click on **Books**, and then select **NetLibrary**.

Finding Articles and Book Reviews

- Use an online research database to find articles in scholarly journals, general magazines, and newspapers.
- To access the databases below, click on **Articles in Databases** from the ODU Library homepage. Select the **English Language and Literature** category—or choose from the A-Z index near the top of the page.
- Database guides are available on the library's **Research Help** web page (from the library homepage, click on **Research Help**) or in print by the Library Reference Desk. If you need additional assistance, consult with a Reference Librarian.

Recommended Databases

See also these related research guides: American Literature and Literary Analysis, Epic and Classical Literature, Humanities, Mythology/Folklore/Legend, Poetry, and Shakespeare Research.

Academic Search Premier

Contains peer-reviewed journal coverage from more than 3,400 scholarly publications.

Articles and book reviews covering many academic areas of study, including arts and literature. Updated daily.

Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature

Citations only. Indexes books, articles, reviews, essays, and critical editions of literary works in English studies. British, American, and Commonwealth writing are all represented.

Contemporary Literary Criticism

Collection of critical essays on contemporary authors. Each entry contains a biographical/critical introduction, a list of principal works, and sources for further study.

Electronic Journal Center

Presents over 4300 research journals, covering numerous subject areas.

Literary Reference Center

Specifically designed for public libraries, secondary schools, junior/community colleges, and undergraduate research. Offers information on authors and their works from reference works, books, and literary journals. Includes plot summaries, synopses and work overviews; articles of literary criticism; author biographies; full text of literary journals, book reviews, classic and contemporary poems, classic and contemporary short stories, classic novels; and author interviews.

MLA International Bibliography

Citations only. Catalogs books and articles on modern languages, literatures, folklore, and linguistics. Information about the libraries that own the library resources is also included. Updated 10 times per year.

Finding Periodicals in this Library

Listed below are some of the relevant periodicals available in the ODU Library.

- Biography
- The Chaucer Review
- Criticism
- English Journal
- English Literary Renaissance
- Essays in Criticism
- Forum for Modern Language Studies
- The Intercollegiate Review
- Journal of Modern Literature
- The Kenyon Review
- Speculum
- Studies in Romanticism

How Do You Find Out if a Periodical Exists in this Library?

- Use the ODU Library Catalog to search for the title of the journal or newspaper you're trying to find. Choose a TITLE search and type in the title of the journal or newspaper you desire.
- The library's journals and magazines are located:
 - (1) In print in the Periodicals section on the top floor, arranged alphabetically by title
 - (2) Back issues in print (usually prior to 1960) in the Back Issues Room on the bottom floor
 - (3) In microfilm in cabinets behind the Periodicals section

A microfilm reader/printer (with free printing!) is also available on the top floor.

For more information, see the ODU Library Microfilm/Reader page at:

<http://www.ohiodominican.edu/library/tour/microfilm/default.asp>.

- If you are looking for a specific article in a periodical, be sure to match ISSUE NUMBER and YEAR/MONTH of the article to the information listed in our library catalog to make sure we have the specific issue of the journal/magazine you need.

How Do You Find Out if the Library Has an Online Subscription to a Periodical?

Electronic Journal Finder will help you find a periodical in the library's databases. Available via the library's Articles in Databases web page.

Project MUSE also has a number of full-text journals in literary scholarship online at <http://muse.jhu.edu/journals>, which includes the following:

- The Chaucer Review (2000-)
- Shakespeare Quarterly (2001-)
- Journal of Modern Literature (1998/99-)
- Victorian Studies (1996-)

Finding Web Sites

For quick reference sites online, including online dictionaries and e-texts of literature, visit the ODU Library's **Quick Reference** web page (available from the library homepage).

Listed below are web sites that may be of particular use to you in your information search.

Recommended criteria for evaluating websites:

- Accuracy of the information
- Authority of the person or group responsible for the information
- When the information was created and last updated

Web Sites—A Selection

See also these related research guides: American Literature and Literary Analysis, Epic and Classical Literature, Humanities, Mythology/Folklore/Legend, Poetry, and Shakespeare Research.

English Literature and Authors

- British and Irish Authors on the Web <http://www.lang.nagoya-u.ac.jp/~matsuoka/UK-authors.html>
- The Cambridge History of English and American Literature: Volume 1, English from the beginnings. <http://www.bartleby.com/211/index.html>
- English Literature on the Web <http://www.lang.nagoya-u.ac.jp/~matsuoka/EngLit.html>
- English Language and Literature, from Rhodes <http://www.rhodes.edu/InformationServices>
- The English Server <http://eserver.org>
- Literature: An Annotated List of Reference Web Sites <http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/alcove9/literature/literature.html>
- Voice of the Shuttle: Web Site for Humanities Research <http://vos.ucsb.edu>

Literary Awards

- Nobel Prize in Literature http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/literature/laureates/
- The Pulitzer Prizes <http://www.pulitzer.org>

Medieval Literature

- Camelot Project <http://www.lib.rochester.edu/camelot/cphome.stm>
- GeoffreyChaucer.org: an annotated guide to online resources <http://geoffreychaucer.org>
- The Geoffrey Chaucer Website Homepage <http://www.courses.fas.harvard.edu/~chaucer/>
- Godfriends' Websites on Julian of Norwich <http://www.umilta.net>
- Internet Medieval Sourcebook <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/sbook.html>
- The Labyrinth: Resources for Medieval Studies <http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth>
- Luminarium. <http://www.luminarium.org/lumina.htm>
- Voice of the Shuttle: Medieval (Old and Middle English) <http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=2740>

Renaissance Literature

- The Edmund Spenser Home Page <http://www.english.cam.ac.uk/spenser/main.htm>
- Luminarium <http://www.luminarium.org/renlit>
- The Milton-L Home Page <http://www.urich.edu/~creamer/milton>
- The Perseus Project: English Renaissance <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/cgi-bin/perscoll?collection=Renaissance>
- Voice of the Shuttle: Renaissance and 17th Century <http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=2749>

Romantic & Victorian Literature

- The Dickens Project <http://humwww.ucsc.edu/dickens/index.html>
- Romantic Circles <http://www.rc.umd.edu>
- Romanticism on the Net <http://www.ron.umontreal.ca>
- The Victorian Web: An Overview <http://www.scholars.nus.edu.sg/landow/victorian/victov.html>
- Victorian Web Sites <http://lang.nagoya-u.ac.jp/~matsuoka/Victorian.html>
- Victorian Women Writers Project <http://www.indiana.edu/~letrs/vwwp>
- Voice of the Shuttle: Romantics <http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=2750>
- Voice of the Shuttle: Victorian <http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=2751>
- The William Blake Archive <http://www.blakearchive.org>

20th Century Literature

- Ohio State University Humanities <http://humanities.osu.edu/>
- Literary Resources—Twentieth Century British & Irish <http://newark.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Lit/20th.html>
- The Samuel Beckett Endpage. <http://beckett.english.ucsb.edu>
- Voice of the Shuttle: Contemporary <http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=2741>

- Voice of the Shuttle: Modern <http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=2747>
- What the Thunder Said: T.S. Eliot <http://www.whatthethundersaid.org>

Finding Videos

- **How to find Videos in the ODU Library:**

From the library homepage, click on **Audiovisuals & Media**, select **ODU Library Catalog**, and search the catalog:

- By **KEYWORD** and limit your search to **MATERIAL TYPE: Audiovisuals**
- By **AUTHOR** or **TITLE** if you are looking for a specific actor, director, or title.

Or from the library homepage, click on **Audiovisuals & Media**, select **List of DVDs and Videos**, and browse through the listing.

- **1. How to find Online Videos:**

From the library homepage, click on **Audiovisuals & Media**, select **Digital Media Center Databases**, select **DMC Databases**, then scroll down until you see **Digital Video Collection** and click on **OhioLINK Access only**. Search by keyword or browse by subject.

Videos—A Selection

All videos are located in the Library's Audiovisual (A/V) Materials collection on the top floor of Spangler.

See also these related research guides: American Literature and Literary Analysis, Epic and Classical Literature, Humanities, Mythology/Folklore/Legend, Poetry, and Shakespeare Research.

Analysis of English Literature

- Chaucer's Canterbury Pilgrims. 821.1 C496, 1993
- Chaucer's England. 821.1 C496, 1958
- Chivalry and Commerce. 809.1 C543, 1998
- Great Themes of Literature: Conscience in Conflict. 822 C755, 1973
- Great Themes of Literature: Heroes and Cowards. 823 H562, 1974
- A Prologue to Chaucer. 821.17 P964, 1986

Authors of English Literature

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| • Beatrix Potter: Artist, Storyteller, Country-woman. 823.52 B369, 1993 | • Julian of Norwich: Shewings of Divine Love. 242 J94, 1998 |
| • The Changing World of Charles Dickens. 823.8 C456, 1970 | • The McCourts of Limerick. 973.04 M131, 1997 |
| • Charles Dickens: A Tale of Ambition and Genius. 823.8 C4751d, 1995 | • The Modern World: Ten Great Writers, Virginia Woolf. 809 M689, 1988 |
| • Chaucer and the Medieval Period. 821.1 C496, 1957 | • The Road from Mandalay: Rudyard Kipling, 1865-1936. 928.2 R628, 1978 |
| • Geoffrey Chaucer and Middle English Literature. 820.1 G343, 1985 | • Thomas Hardy: Novelist and Poet, 1840-1928. 823.8 T4541h, 1995 |
| • George Orwell. 828.91 G347, 1988 | • Through Joy and Beyond: The Life of C.S. Lewis. 828.9 T531, 1991 |
| • Julian of Norwich. 242 J942n, 2003 | • William Golding. 823 W723, 1983 |
| | • The World of James Joyce. 823.91 W927, 1988 |

Film Adaptations of English Literature

- Beckett on Film. 842.91 B396b, 2001, 4 disks
- Beowulf. 829.3 B481, 1984
- Bram Stoker's Dracula. 823.8 B8151s, 1993
- Brideshead Revisited. 823 B851, 1993, 6 parts
- The Canterbury Tales. 821.17 C496t,
- A Christmas Carol. 823.8 C5558c, 1984
- The Dead. 823 D278, 1987
- Dracula. 823.8 D757, 1991
- Emma. 822.7 E541e, 1997
- Excalibur. 823 E96, 1991
- Far From the Madding Crowd. 823.8 F2191a, 1998, 2 parts
823.8 F2191m, 1997, 2 parts
- Frankenstein: The Man Who Made a Monster. 823.7 F8297f, 1931
- The French Lieutenant's Woman. 791.43 F874, 1981
- Gawain and the Green Knight. 821.1 G284, 1996
- Great Expectations. 791.4372 G78611e, 1998
- Howards End. 823 A853, 1993
- James Joyce: A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man. 823 P852, 1977
- Jane Austen's Emma. 823.7 J333e, 1996
- Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice. 823 A933p, 1996 6 parts
- Jane Eyre. 823.8 B869j, 1983, 2 parts
823.8 B869j, 1995, 2 parts
823.8 B869j, 1997
- Jude. 823.8 J824i, 1996
- Lord of the Flies. 823.914 L8661f, 1963
- Middlemarch. 823 M627, 1994 6 parts
- Northanger Abbey. 823.7 N871a, 1987
- Oliver Twist. 823 O48, 1988, 2 parts
- A Painful Case. 823.9 P147, 1995
- Persuasion. 823.7 P4679p, 1996 2 parts
- The Picture of Dorian Gray. 822.914 P6115d, 1992
- Playboy of the Western World. 822 P722, 1972
- A Room of One's Own. Reserve 809.89 W913r, 1980
Reserve 809.89 W913r, 1996
- A Room With a View. 823 R777, 1992
- Sense and Sensibility. 823.7 S478, 1995, 2 parts
- A Tale of Two Cities. 823.8 T143, 1992
- Tess. 823 T338, 1990, 2 parts
- To the Lighthouse. 823.91 T627, 1997
- Ulysses. 823 U47, 1989
- Virginia Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway. 813.912 V8171w, 1999

Literary Tradition

- Great Authors of the Western Literary Tradition. 809.8 G786, 1993 7 video cassettes
- The Middle Ages: A Wanderer's Guide to Life and Letters. 940.1 M627, 1971
- Romanticism: The Revolt of the Spirit. 141.6 R759, 1971
- The Spirit of Romanticism. 940.2 S759, 1977