



## Research Guide: Literature

This research guide is a bibliography listing some of the many reference sources for Literature and Literary Criticism available at FLITE. These materials are designed to give students and researchers a starting point for a particular topic and will usually point the way toward other, more in-depth sources relating to that topic.

### General Sources

**Contemporary Literary Criticism [165+ vols.]:** The first of an expanding group of series, published by Gale Group, *CLC* is dedicated to reprinting excerpts of critical essays and articles on the works of a particular author. Several volumes are published each year. As a whole, the Gale Criticism series is focused on the Western canon (particularly American and English writers and topics), though some non-Western writers are included as well. Each volume from any of the series contains a cumulative author and topic index for all the series, title indexes are issued as separate volumes for each series.

**Located in Reference:**

<b>Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism [55+ vols.]</b>	<b>PN 771 .C59</b>
<b>Literature Criticism From 1400 – 1800 [85+ vols.]</b>	<b>PN 86 .C53</b>
<b>Nineteenth Century Literature Criticism [120+ vols.]</b>	<b>PN 86 .L56</b>
<b>Twentieth Century Literary Criticism [130+ vols.]</b>	<b>PN 761 .N56</b>
	<b>PN 771 .G27</b>

Please note that FLITE has subscribed to the Literature Resource Center database which contains a majority of the material found in the Gale literature series. Access Literature Resource Center through the Humanities Resources page from FLITE's Database Access Web page: <http://library.ferris.edu/humanities.html>

**Encyclopedia of Latin American Literature:** Nearly 400 entries cover many diverse topics relating to the literatures of Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America.

**Located in Reference: PQ 7081 .A1 E56 1997**

**Encyclopedia of World Literature in the Twentieth Century, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. [4 vols.]:** Capturing the entire scope of international literature from 1900 – 1998, this source contains 2,300 entries. A list of writings and a secondary source bibliography follow each entry.

**Located in Reference: PN 771 .E5 1999**

**Magill Critical Surveys:** *Masterplots* editor Frank Magill also created this group of volumes which provide critical material for the major works in a particular genre. Bibliographies are included for each entry.

<b>Located in Reference:</b>	<b>American Literature, 6 vols.</b>	<b>PS 21 .M34 1991</b>
	<b>Long Fiction (English Language), 8 vols.</b>	<b>PN 3451 .C7</b>
	<b>Modern Fantasy Literature, 5 vols.</b>	<b>PN 56 .F34 S97 1983</b>
	<b>Mystery and Detective Fiction, 4 vols.</b>	<b>PN 3448 .D4 C75 1988</b>
	<b>Poetry (English Language), 8 vols.</b>	<b>PR 502 .C85 1982</b>
	<b>Poetry (Foreign Language), 5 vols.</b>	<b>PN 1111 .C7 1984</b>
	<b>Science Fiction Literature, 5 vols.</b>	<b>PN 3448 .S45 S88</b>

**Masterplots:** A large group of titles, which serves as the college student's version of *Cliffs Notes*, each *Masterplots* series contains entries for major works, providing a plot summary, character overview, critical analysis, and critical bibliography for each.

<b>Located in Reference:</b>	<b>Original Series, 12 vols.</b>	<b>PN 44 .M33 1976</b>
	<b>Revised 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 12 vols.</b>	<b>PN 44 .M33 1996</b>
	<b>Nonfiction Series, 4 vols.</b>	<b>PN 44 .M345 1989</b>

<b>American Fiction Series, 6 vols.</b>	<b>PN 846 .M37 1986</b>
<b>The Poetry Series, 6 vols.</b>	<b>PN 1110.5 .M37 1992</b>
<b>Short Story Series, 10 vols.</b>	<b>PN 3326 .M27 1986</b>
<b>World Fiction Series, 4 vols.</b>	<b>PN 3326 .M28 1987</b>
<b>European Fiction Series, 3 vols.</b>	<b>PN 3326 .M37 1985</b>
<b>Drama Series, 4 vols.</b>	<b>PN 6112.5 .M3 1990</b>
<b>British and Commonwealth Fiction Series, 4 vols.</b>	<b>PR 881 .M39 1987</b>
<b>African American Literature Series, 3 vols.</b>	<b>PS 153 .N5 M2645 1994</b>

**The Oxford Companion to African American Literature:** Containing entries on literary themes and fictional characters, over 400 biographical sketches, as well as articles on occupations, sports figures, and entertainers, this volume also contains a five-part, fifteen-page essay on Literary History.

**Located in Reference: PS 153 .N5 O96 1997**

**The Oxford Companion to American Literature, 6<sup>th</sup> ed.:** This work serves as a comprehensive source for information for such subjects as writers, genres, literary works, nonliterary influences, literary journals, and literary critics. A Chronological Index at the end of the volume lists, side-by-side, events in both American literary and social history.

**Located in Reference: PS 21 .H3 1995**

**The Oxford Companion to Classical Literature, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.:** Short entries illuminate such facets of the Greco-Roman world as writers, literary works and genres, political leaders, and places.

**Located in Reference: PA 31 .H69 1989**

**The Oxford Companion to English Literature, 6<sup>th</sup> ed.:** Containing approximately 7,000 entries, this work is a standard reference source for brief information on writers, literary works, literary genres, major non-British writers, places, and events. A chronology which lists Principal Literary Works side-by-side with Other Events from 1000 CE to the present is also included.

**Located in Reference: PR 19 .O94 2000**

**Poetry Criticism [45+ vols.]:** Gale Group, publisher of the *Contemporary Literary Criticism* and its spin-offs, also produces this series, which is devoted exclusively to poetry. As its scope, Poetry Criticism claims it is "an introduction to major poets of all eras and nationalities."

**Located in Reference: PN 1010 .P499**

**Short Story Criticism [55+ vols.]:** As with *Poetry Criticism*, this source from Gale Group, is an off-shoot of the *Contemporary Literary Criticism* series. It includes between 5 – 10 short story writers per volume. Each entry comprises a biographical and critical sketch as well as excerpts from previously published material.

**Located in Reference: PN 3373 .S56**

## Internet Resources

For Internet Sources on Literature see <http://www.ferris.edu/library/Subject/lit.htm>