

How To Find Literary Criticism

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Finding criticism doesn't have to be a daunting, frustrating task. To help you in your search for resources, below is a brief list of print and online journals as well as catalogs. This list is far from exhaustive, so check with your instructor or a Writing Center consultant for more ideas for locating sources. For your convenience, the call numbers are provided for print sources, and where available, the internet address is provided as well. All of the following print sources are available at Evans Library.

ABELL (Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature): Although this work is not as current as *Academic Search Premier* (see below), it does offer some listings which are not in *Academic Search Premier*. It lists English-language articles, books, doctoral dissertations and reviews published since 1920 anywhere in the world pertaining to bibliography, English language, traditional culture and English Literature. It covers English, American and Commonwealth writers. You may access this resource at http://library.tamu.edu/portal/beans/erl/jsp/redirect_view.jsp?NSearch=null&pkid=103004 or via the Evans Library's Electronic Resources page.

African American Review: This online journal specifically focuses on African American literature and ethnic studies, "[providing] a lively exchange between writers and scholars in the arts, humanities, and social sciences who hold diverse perspectives on African American literature and culture." The website features full-text online access to back issues. It is available at http://metalib.tamu.edu:9003/tamu?sid=sfx:e_collection&issn=1062-4783 or via Evans Library's [Electronic Resources](#) page.

American Literary Scholarship: This bibliography covers current critical analysis of American Literature. Bibliographic essays are arranged by writers and time periods, from pre-1800 to the present. Among the writers discussed are Emerson, Hawthorne, Poe, Melville, Whitman, Twain, James, Pound, and Faulkner. It is available in print at PS3.A47. It is available electronically at http://metalib.tamu.edu:9003/tamu?sid=sfx:e_collection&issn=0065-9142 or via the Evans Library's Electronic Resources page.

American Women Writers: Bibliographic Essays: A useful resource for bibliographic information on American Women authors including information on history and criticism. This book is edited by Maurice Duke, Jackson R. Bryer, and M. Thomas Inge and is available in print at Z1229.W8.A44.

A Handbook to Literature: An excellent collection of defined literary terms, movements, and theories, this text is edited by William Harmon and C. Hugh Holman and is very useful and easy-to-

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use. It is available in print at PN41 .H355 2000.

The Happy Critic and Other Essays: A useful collection of essays and explanations written in an easy-to-understand and often humorous style, this text is edited by Mark Van Doren. It is available in print at PS3543.A557 H3.

Literary Research: A Guide to Reference Sources for the Study of Literature in English and Related Topics: This book is helpful for locating other bibliographies for English and American literature by period. It also provides a list of related topics (music, science, art, etc.) which may be useful. This text is edited by James Harner and is available in print at Z2011.H34 1993.

Academic Search Premier: This online database covers works on the literature of all languages. It is available on the web and may be accessed by typing in *Academic Search Premier* in the search term box on the Evans Library's Electronic Resources page.

The Years Work in English Studies: This bibliography lists works written by English authors. It is a good supplement to MLAIB and ABELL, and can be found in print at PE 58.E6.

Voice of the Shuttle: Literary Theory Page: A useful site for collecting ideas and exploring new avenues in research. However, check with your professor for the viability of web pages. Available online at <http://vos.ucsb.edu>.

Internet Public Library: This website offers a diverse collection of reliable internet sources that provide information on literary criticism. You can find criticism by searching for the author of the work, the title, nationality and/or literary period. Look at <http://www.ipl.org/div/litcrit>.