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Composition II: Library Instruction Outline

❖ Topic

Twentieth Century American Literature (i.e. T. S. Eliot, Ernest Hemingway and Robert Penn Warren)

❖ Find an overview of your topic in Reference books, such as the ones listed below:

[Note: FREE printing from Reference books at Information Desk]

Ernest Hemingway A to Z: the essential reference to the life and work REF PS3515.E37 Z7484 1999
American writer: a collection of literary biographies REF PS129 .A55
The Oxford companion to twentieth-century literature in English REF PR471 .O94 1996
Twentieth-century American literature REF PS221 .T834 1985

❖ Search the STL Catalog for books on your topic

BASIC search:

You can search by Title, Author, Word(s) Anywhere, and Subject

To find criticism about an author, search him/her by Subject

Example “subject begins with...” – Hemingway, Ernest

ADVANCED search:

The Advanced search allows you to combine search terms.

You can also “Limit by Collection” to search by collections, such as the Reference Collection, Oversize, Media, and Juvenile Collection

❖ Scholarly Journals vs. Popular Periodicals

❖ Use the library databases to locate journal, magazine and newspaper articles

Go to the library’s website and click the Databases tab at the top of the page

Academic Search Premier- Multidisciplinary source for magazine, newspaper and journal articles (Limit your results: Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals)

Gale Literature Resource Center- Full text literary criticism from books & journals, along with author biographical information

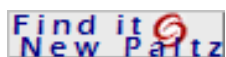
Databases Continued:

JSTOR - In the Advanced search feature, you may select the appropriate collection/s for full text articles from scholarly sources (Literature & Literature)

MLA (EBSCO) - The source for literary information from journals and books
(Limit your results: Peer Reviewed)

OneFile InfoTrac - Multidisciplinary source for locating journal, magazine, and newspaper articles, some full-text (Limit the results: to peer-reviewed publications)

Proquest - Multidisciplinary database for finding information from scholarly literature, trade publications aimed at professional readers, and magazines or newspapers articles
(Limit results to: Scholarly journals, including peer-reviewed)



(or SFX) and Find Journals tab (or Serial Solutions)

Tools to find full-text articles when the full-text is not available through the database you are currently searching

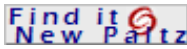


Search the Library Catalog and Databases in one Single Search

❖ Ask A Librarian

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