Guide to Planning your Research – DRAMA

Step 1: Define subject:

Handbooks:
- Oxford Companion to the Theatre REF. PN 2035 .O9
- The Stage Management Handbook PN 2085 .I5 1992
- Technical Theatre Handbook (Online)

Encyclopedias:
- Contemporary Theater, Film & Television REF. PN 2285 .C58 (various years)
- Drama Criticism REF. PN 1707 .D69 (various years)
- Drama for Students REF. PN 1601 .D595 (various years)
- The Reader’s Encyclopedia of World Drama REF. PN 1625 .G3 1969
- Shakespearean Criticism REF. PR 2965 .S43 (various years)
- Twentieth-Century American Dramatists REF. PS 129 .D5 (various years)
- Glossary of Technical Theatre Terms (Online)

Step 2: Vocabulary or Thesaurus

Dictionaries:
- Critical Survey of Drama REF. PN 1625 .C68 2003
- The Drama Dictionary REF. PN 1625 .H62 1988
- Theatre Language: A Dictionary of Terms… REF. PN 2035 .B6 1961
- Online film Dictionary (Online)

Step 3: Sources of information: collections of books & videos (library catalog)

Gates Memorial Library Catalog

African American Dramatists : An A to Z Guide
Author: Nelson, Emmanuel S., ed.
Call Number: REF. PS 338 .N4 A69 2004
Location: STACKS
Publisher: Greenwood Press, 2004
Availability: Available for Circulation

Periodicals: magazines, newspapers & journals in Academic Search Complete Database
- Comparative Drama (2007 – current)
- Kenyon Review (1979 – current)
- Literary Review (1990 – current)
- TheatreForum (2004 – current)
- Theatre Research in Canada (2002 – current)

PERIODICAL DATABASES

Online information databases are large, regularly updated collections of digitized information -- including but not limited to abstracts and full text articles from journals and newspapers, conference proceedings and submitted papers, dissertations, government reports, essays, book chapters, web pages, etc. The content is created by publishers who release print versions, then lease the rights to their information to database vendors. Database records are easy to search and retrieve because the content of each record has been analyzed and assigned appropriate subject headings, keywords, names, etc. New records are regularly downloaded from the producer of each database. Gates Memorial Library Databases

- Academic Search Complete
- American Drama, 1714-1915
Drama & Theater Resources on the Web (associations, universities, organizations, etc.)

American Association of Community Theatre
Broadway American Musical
Dramatists Play Service
Global Performing Arts Database
Internet Broadway Database
The Internet Theatre Database
Live Art Archives
Performing Arts in America, 1875-1923
Performing Arts Links
Shakespeare: An International Database of Shakespeare on Film, Television and Radio
TheatreCrafTs.com
Variety Slanguage-Dictionary
WWW.Virtual Library : Theater and Drama

Citing Sources
Each database provides “How to cite” for each article but these sites provide more information for citing various media (books, databases, websites, etc.)

The guides and links in this section will enable persons to properly use body citations and create works cited or bibliography pages.

- Citation Guides Resources Page
- APA Style
- MLA Style
- EasyBib MLA citation creator
- Referencing Tool
- Son of Citation Machine
- Turabian Style
- University of California Berkeley (APA, MLA, Chicago)

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