Guide to Planning your Research – LITERATURE, ENGLISH

Step 1: Define subject:

Handbooks:

Encyclopedias:
The Oxford Companion to English Literature REF. PR 19 .O94 2000
The Literary Encyclopedia (Online)

Step 2: Vocabulary or Thesaurus

Dictionaries:
The Cambridge Guide to English Literature REF. PR 85 .C28
Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism REF. PN 681.5 .C57 1988
Dictionary of Literary Biography (Various volumes) REF. PS 129 .D5
Reader’s Guide to Literature in English REF. PR 85 .R33 1996
Middle English Dictionary (Online)

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

British Writers Classics
Author: 
Call Number: (REF) PR85 .B6885 2003
Location: REFERENCE
Availability: Non-Circulating

The Summoning of Everyman [videorecording - DVD]
Author: Morse, Douglas C.
Call Number: PR 1261 .E8 2007
Location: INQUIRE AT CIRCULATION DESK
Availability: Available for Circulation

Online periodicals: magazines, newspapers & journals

Chronicle of America: Historic American Newspapers
Early Modern Literary Studies
Eighteenth-Century Studies
Internet Library of Early Journals
Old English Newsletter
Romanticism on the Net
Speculum

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
- Early English Prose Fiction
- Eighteenth-Century Fiction
English Literature Resources on the Web (associations, universities, organizations, etc.)

American Transcendentalism
The Brontë Sisters Web
First World War Literature
The Literary Gothic
Literature Resources on the Net
Luminarium.org
Shakespeare's Life and Times
TEAMS Middle English Texts
The Victorian Society in America
Voice of the Shuttle - Victorian
William Shakespeare:
Women Writers Online

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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