Voyager Online Catalogue

Where?
- Located on the OC Library web page [http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/library](http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/library)

What?
- Locate OC Library circulating books, reference books, videos/dvds & local area files

How?
- Search by **keyword relevance** - Limit to 1-4 important words, no sentences!
- Use the **truncation** symbol “?” to check word endings e.g. postmodern?

- Use **author browse** to find the **works written by** literary authors
  Type the author’s name with the family name first e.g. Faulkner William

To find **critical material on your author and their work**, think of your author’s work as the subject of a book (book chapter or essay in a collection or review) written by someone studying this author

- Use **subject browse**
  Type the author’s family name first e.g. Joyce James
  Look for handy sub-headings such as **criticism and interpretation, characters, technique** and titles of specific works
  Use **subject** links in records for relevant titles to go to related items

- **Request** titles held in other Okanagan College campus libraries
- **Check** **UBCO catalogue** link from the OC Library webpage & ask Library staff help to request

Reference Materials

What?
- Search to define terms and read overview of a topic as you begin your research

Where?
**Library WebPage > Research > Online Reference Sources**

- **Oxford Reference Online**
  Click on **Search within a Subject** and select **Literature**
  Then **search** or **browse** within the key literary titles listed e.g. Concise Oxford Companion series to national literatures, Dictionary of Literary Terms and Dictionary of Writers & their Works

Also check the **Library’s Reference shelves** for:
- The Oxford Companion to American Literature [Ref PS 21 .H3]
- The Oxford Companion to Canadian Literature [Ref PS 8015 .O93]
- The Oxford Companion to English Literature [Ref PR 19 .O94]
- A Glossary of Literary Terms M.H. Abrams [Ref PN 41 .A184]
+ other titles at this same shelf area Ref PN 41

Online Databases

What?
- Online databases are used to find **journal, magazine and newspaper articles**.
  Databases covering literature index/list citations to articles and reviews so that you can search for those dealing with your particular author and their work. Many of the databases contain **full-text** articles, which you can print, download/save and email.
Where?
Library Webpage > Research > Article Databases > Humanities
**Recommended**

**Gale Literature Resource Center**
Biographical information, overviews & full-text literary criticism and reviews of 130,000 writers from all time periods and around the world in all literary genres and journalism
- **Advanced Search** allows best searching features
- Check the *Encyclopedia of Literature* feature for definitions of literary terms, brief overview on author, genres, styles etc
- Use the *Gale Literary Index* feature to identify where your author’s work may be covered in Gale’s print series of literary biography & literary criticism that are held on the Library’s Reference shelves. [Short Story Criticism (SSC). Ref PN 3373 .S56]
These articles are extra to those selected for the Resource Center database.

Other databases:
- Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)  All subjects
  *Tip!* Search literary work *title* as PS Reviews & Products; Search literary author as PE People or SU subject terms; Narrow results to Academic Journals
- CBCA Reference (ProQuest)  large range of Canadian sources & subjects covered including Canadian authors. *Tip!* Search literary author as Person
- MLA International Bibliography
- Project Muse, JSTOR  All subjects

How?
**Access Tip!**
- You can access anywhere on-campus.
- For off-campus access to Library’s Databases & Online Reference Sources, at prompt enter current OC student id number and your family name.

**Search Tips for all databases!**  *At the search engine boxes*
- search each concept on a separate line – concept can be word or phrase. No sentences!
- use the root word and the truncation symbol "*" (e.g. postmodern*)
- repeat your search with alternative words: synonyms, broader terms, narrower terms
- Results can be displayed in categories such as academic or scholarly (peer-reviewed) journals, periodicals or magazines, newspapers, reviews, reference books. Choose the level and type of articles that best suits you!
- Click on *Where can I get this?* when there is no full-text icon. The system checks other OC library databases, Voyager catalogue & other libraries to try locating full-text sources

**MLA style**
- keep details of your sources, cite them in your paper & list them in a bibliography
- see Library webpage > LibraryLinks > Style Guides (MLA/APA) for examples

**Need help?**
- Ask the library staff at the Library Reference desk.
- ASK US (Get research help)?  Library webpage > LibraryLinks

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**wireless internet access!**  **same day loan free!**

Ask at the Library Circ Desk

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