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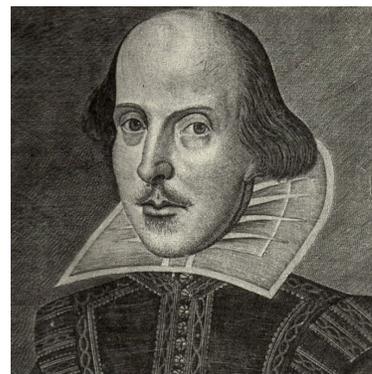
Finding Resources

Once you've decided on the literary work you want to research, it's a good idea to make sure there is enough information about it to write a good research paper.

We have several of the Gale series that provide excellent information for research. Check the title index. The title will be in quotation marks. The author's name will follow in parentheses. The volume number will appear in bold print. Behind this, in regular type, will be the page numbers containing articles mentioning your work.

The next stop will be the library databases. I recommend that you search by the title in the following databases: **Bloom's Literature, Literary Reference Center, and JSTOR. Academic Search Complete** may also be helpful.

For any database, mark the **Full Text** box, if you want to see the entire article. Otherwise, you might get just a bibliography or an abstract.

For most of these databases, you can bring up an article to read by clicking on either the title of the article, or

Full Text. Once you have the article, you'll need to do some reading to determine if it will fit your research need for your project.

Printing

To print from the library computers, deposit money on your printing account at the Circulation Desk. Prices per one-sided page are:

Black and White—10 cents

Color—25 cents

Printout limit per visit is 30. sheets.

Accessing the Library from Off-Campus

You can access the databases from home, if you have an internet connection. Just go to our website at https://library.kilgore.edu. Click on **Databases** under **Search Resources**. Scroll down to

select **Literature & Languages** from the subject list. Click on a database. A screen will appear asking for your username and password. Your **username** is made up of the first four letters of your last name, the first four letters

of your first name, and the last four digits of your KC ID. Your **password** is the word Student with a capital S, and your 4-digit month and day of birth.

Reference Materials

Here are some of the Reference books that may be most helpful in your research:

Ancient Writers: Greece and Rome (Ref. PA 3002 .A5 1982)

Contemporary Literary Criticism (REF. PN 771 .C59)

Critical Survey of Poetry (Ref. PN 1021 .C9348 2011)

Drama Criticism (REF. PN 1601 .D59)

The Facts on File Companion to British Poetry: 17th and 18th Centuries (Ref. PR 541 .F1428 2008)

The Facts on File Companion to Classical Drama (Ref. PA 3024 .T487 F1428 2005)

The Facts on File Companion to the American Short Story (Ref. PS 374 .S5 F1428 2000)

Masterplots II: Poetry Series (Ref. PN 1110.5 .M4235 2002)

Masterplots II: Short Story Series (Ref. PN 3326 .M4235 2004)

Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism (REF. PN 761 .N56)

Poetry Criticism (Ref. PN 1010 .P499)

Shakespearean Criticism (Ref. PR 2965 .S43 1984)

Short Story Criticism (REF. PN 3373 .S386)

Books and Ebooks

Use your computer, smart phone, or tablet to read an ebook.

Print books on literature can be found from the library's home page using the library's online catalog.

Many books are available in ebook form. While we may not have these books in print form, we do have them available to be read

from your computer, smart phone or tablet.

Enter your search terms in the **Search Resources** box. Print books will have a call number to locate the book on the shelf.

To view an ebook, click **View eBook.** Click on

Full Text to go to the book. Click on **Search within** and enter your search terms. Click on **Relevancy**. Click on a page number in the left sidebar to go to that page.

Don't forget the citation!

Remember the Works Cited

As your English instructor will tell you, it is important to get all of the information you need to write your Works Cited page. Make sure you have all the bibliographic information before you leave! It is much easier to get it the first time than it

is to come back later and try to find the right book or document.

To be sure you format your bibliography correctly, use:

The Little Seagull Handbook

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers

Class notes from your instructor.

If you have questions, ask your instructor.