Poetry

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Finding Resources

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

Many students prefer beginning their research in the databases. I recommend that you search by the title of the poem in the following databases: **Literary Reference Center, Bloom's Literature, Literature Criticism Online,** and **JStor**.

For any database, mark the **Full Text** box, to see the entire article.

For most of these databases, you can bring up an article to read by clicking on **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.

You can also find good information in the reference section of the library. Check the index to *Poetry Criticism* (REF. PN1010 .P499) for the title of your poem. The author's name will be in parentheses. The volume number and page numbers containing articles mentioning your poem are listed next.

Ask your instructor if you need copies of the articles you use. If so, find out if you need the entire article or just the pages used to write the paper.

Printing

When you log in to the library computers, you will create a print account. Place money on your account at the Circulation Desk. Prices for one-sided printing are:

Black and White—10 cents; Color—25 cents.

Accessing the Library from Off-Campus

You can access the databases from home, if you are a current KC student and have an internet connection. Just go to our website at https://library.kilgore.edu. Click on **Databases** under the

Search Resources box. When you select 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" and your 4-digit month and day of birth.

Reference Materials

Here are some Reference books to use in your research:

Critical Survey of American Literature (Ref. PS 21 .C9348 2017)

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

The Facts on File Companion to American Poetry (Ref. PS 303 .F1428 2008)

The Facts on File Companion to British Poetry before 1600 (Ref. PR 311 .F1428 2008)

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

The Facts on File Companion to British Poetry 19th Century (Ref. PR 590 .F1428 2010)

The Facts on File Companion to World Poetry 1900 to the Present (Ref. PN 1271 .A6621 F1428 2008)

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

Poetry Criticism (Ref. PN 1010 .P499)

Books and Ebooks

Books and Ebooks are great sources of information!

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 screen.

Enter a title, author or subject in the **Search Resources** box. Narrow the search by clicking on Kilgore College, Watson Library and Book. Print books will have a call number used to find the book on the shelf.

To view an ebook, click **View eBook.** Next, click on **Full Text**. Click **Search within** and enter your search terms. Click on a page number to go to that page.

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 Works Cited 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.