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| Literature Resource Center | This database includes several literary & biographical databases, e.g. <i>Contemporary Authors Online</i> , <i>Contemporary Literary Criticism Select</i> , <i>The Dictionary of Literary Biography & Literature Criticism</i> | Select “Author Search” to find author biographies, bibliographies, criticism & web sites (under additional resources). This source often indicates the “Literary Movement/Time Period” for each author and the “Literary/Historical Timeline” can be very helpful. |
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| Academic Search Premier | This database provides full text for more than 3,600 scholarly publications | To find all articles by and about an author, enter the name in the search box: <i>walker, alice</i> . To find articles by the author, enter the author's name in the search box: <i>walker, alice</i> . Then select <i>AU Author</i> from the drop-down menu (instead of <i>All fields</i>). To find articles about the author, enter the author's name in the search box. Then select <i>SU Subject</i> from the drop-down menu. |
| Expanded Academic ASAP | This database provides access to articles from over 500 full-text journals in all disciplines. | Expanded Academic defaults to a SUBJECT SEARCH and this is a good place to start, especially for authors or historical periods. Enter the author's name (Esquivel, Laura), or the general topic (Mexican Revolution), and then narrow by subdivision. |

BIOGRAPHY

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| Biography Resource Center + Who's Who | <p>This is a comprehensive database of biographical information on more than 220,000 people from throughout history, around the world, and across all disciplines and subject areas.</p> <p>Combines biographies from <i>Contemporary Authors</i>, <i>Encyclopedia of World Biography</i>, <i>Contemporary Black Biography</i>, <i>Writers Directory</i> and more.</p> | <p>The biographies are searchable by name, or by profession, title, place of origin, gender, race/ethnicity, titles of works, keyword, and presence of images. On the search results page, under <i>Magazine articles</i> you will find some criticism. Links are provided to evaluated <i>Web sites</i>.</p> |
| Biography Reference Bank | <p>This database combines the complete content of <i>Wilson Biographies Plus Illustrated</i> with the complete and enhanced content of <i>Biography Index Plus</i>.</p> | <p>Be specific; enter as much of a name as you know. Links are also provided to books and articles <i>about</i> an author.</p> |
| Biography.com | <p>www.biography.com/search/index.jsp</p> | <p>You can browse alphabetical listings or search by name</p> |
| Bracken, James K. The undergraduate's companion to American writers and their web sites. Englewood, CO: Libraries Unlimited, 2001 | <p>Langsam Reference Z1225. B67 2001</p> | <p>LIBRARY USE ONLY</p> |
| Short Story Index. New York, H.W. Wilson | <p>Langsam Reference Z5917 .S5 C62 QRS</p> | <p>LIBRARY USE ONLY</p> |

LITERARY CRITICISM & HISTORY

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| <p>MLA International Bibliography</p> | <p>The MLA International Bibliography provides a classified listing and subject index for books and articles published on modern languages, literatures, folklore, and linguistics. This database annually indexes over 50,000 journal articles, books, and dissertations.</p> | <p>Enter your author's name in the Keyword or phrase box. Results will usually contain some criticism. If you are looking for criticism of a particular book or story, add a significant term from the title to the keyword search – e.g. <i>maya angelou bird</i> - and then select <i>Search for: all of these words (AND)</i> as the option in the drop-down box at the bottom.</p> <p>Follow the Find a Copy link to locate an online or print version.</p> |
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| <p>UC Library Catalog www.libraries.uc.edu</p> | <p>General works which describe/explain the relationship between literature and history</p> | <p>Conduct a Subject search for: <i>literature and history</i>. Choose your country of interest. Not all literary movements will be represented.</p> |
| <p>Black literature criticism: excerpts from criticism of the most significant works of Black authors over the past 200 years. James Draper, editor. Detroit: Gale Research, c1992.</p> | <p>Langsam Reference PS153 .N5 B556 1992 v. 1-3</p> | <p>LIBRARY USE ONLY</p> |
| <p>Critical survey of short fiction. Frank Magill, editor. Pasadena: Salem Press, 1993</p> | <p>Langsam Reference PN3321 .C7 2001 v.1-7</p> | <p>LIBRARY USE ONLY</p> |
| <p>Short story criticism. Detroit: Gale Research Co., c1988-</p> | <p>Langsam Reference PN3373 .S35</p> | <p>LIBRARY USE ONLY</p> |