
Indexes of Scholarly Journal Articles

[MLA International Bibliography \[MLAIB\]](#): The standard resource for finding scholarly journal articles about languages and literature. Due to the recent addition of retrospective content, its coverage now goes back to 1926.

[Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature \[ABELL\]](#): A good supplement to the MLAIB, featuring more international content, more monograph citations and book reviews, and coverage back to 1920.

Full-Text Databases of Primary Works

[Literature Online \(LION\)](#) contains a surprisingly complete collection of full-text poetry, prose, and drama for works in English from the 19th century and earlier. You can search within a particular author or title, or limit by date, gender, ethnicity, or literary movement.

[Early English Books Online \[EEBO\]](#) contains bibliographic records, page images, and (in some cases) transcriptions of virtually every work printed in the UK from 1473-1700, literary or otherwise.

[Eighteenth Century Collections Online \[ECCO\]](#) picks up where EEBO leaves off, containing "every significant English-language and foreign-language title printed in Great Britain" during the 18th century.

[Early American Imprints](#) is the American equivalent of EEBO and ECCO, containing complete bibliographical citations and page images of American imprints from 1639-1800.

Historical Newspapers and Journals

[ProQuest Historical Newspapers](#): Use this database to find newspaper articles more than 20 years old. It contains full text of four major US newspapers (NY Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Chicago Tribune) from their initial dates of publication (as early as 1851).

[The Times Digital Archive](#): Provides searchable full text content of the London Times from 1785-1985, including advertisements.

[Periodicals Index Online](#): Indexes the contents of thousands of scholarly and popular journals in the humanities and social sciences, in 40 languages. Mostly 19th and 20th coverage, although a few titles go back earlier. Some full-text articles are available via links to JSTOR or to a companion database, [Periodicals Archive Online](#).

[American Periodicals Series](#): Full text of 1000+ journals published in the U.S. from 1740-1900.

Biographies

[Literature Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) includes full text articles from the Dictionary of Literary Biography and Contemporary Authors – terrific sources for author biographies.

[Dictionary of National Biography](#) : A monumental reference work profiling over 50,000 notable British men and women, from the pre-Roman era to the present, who “have left a mark for any reason, good, bad, or unusual.”

Current Periodicals

For criticism and reviews of contemporary literature, drama, film, and television, newspapers and popular magazines are sometimes a better resource than scholarly journals. [LexisNexis](#) and [InfoTrac](#) are the best place to start.

Other Resources

[WorldCat \(OCLC Online Union Catalog\)](#): Over 36 million records from libraries around the world including U.Va. You can use WorldCat to find items that our library doesn't own, and request them through Interlibrary Loan.

[Dissertations & Theses: Full Text](#): Indexes dissertations from 1861 to the present. Those published after 1997 can be downloaded in their entirety as PDF files. Older dissertations can be requested through Interlibrary Loan.

Selected Print Reference Resources

Harner, James L. *Literary Research Guide: An Annotated Listing of Reference Sources in English Literary Studies*. New York: MLA, 2002. **Z2011 .H34 2002**

Klarer, Mario. *An Introduction to Literary Studies*. London ; New York: Routledge, 2004.
PR21 .K5213 2004

Marcuse, Michael J. *A Reference Guide for English Studies*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1990. **PR56.M37 1990**

Eliot, Simon. *A Handbook to Literary Research*. London ; New York: Routledge, 1998.
PN73 .H36 1998

Year's Work in English Studies (YWES). **PE58.E6**

Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature. **AI3 .R48 v.49 1989**

Helpful URLs

Ask a Librarian (phone, email, IM): <http://www.lib.virginia.edu/questions.html>

English Subject Guide: <http://www.lib.virginia.edu/subjects/English>

Accessing Databases from Off Grounds: <http://www.lib.virginia.edu/indexes/authent.html>

RefWorks (citation management software): <http://www.refworks.com>