

## Library Research Guide for ENLT 255-6: World Drama (Feldman)

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### *Getting help with your research*

You can contact a reference librarian at any time for help with your research for this class, or any of your other classes:

**Questions about English:**

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### *Searching the Library's materials*

Use VIRGO, the online catalog: <http://virgo.lib.virginia.edu>. VIRGO lets you:

- Find library-owned materials, including books, manuscripts, CDs and DVDs
- Renew materials, place a recall, request a purchase or an interlibrary loan

**Sample searches:** **eugenio montale** [author]

**eugenio montale** [subject]

Truncation: **biograph\$** for biography, biographical, biographer, etc.

Booleans: **borges and biography**

**soyinka and poet\$ and criticism**

Exact Phrase: **'world poetry'** (note the single quotes)

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### *Finding basic information about poets and their works*

[Literature Resource Center](#) is a great place to begin research on a particular author. This database includes full-text articles from the Dictionary of Literary Biography and other biographical sources, plus citations from MLAIB (see description below) and some full-text articles.

**Sample search:** Search for **wole soyinka**. Click on the tabs near the top of the screen to view results in different categories – in this case, 4 biographical essays, 104 reference articles, 699 citations from MLAIB, etc. The first biographical essay contains the text of Soyinka's Nobel Prize acceptance speech.

[Literature Online \(LION\)](#) contains content similar to Literature Resource Center – biographies, reference articles, citations to critical essays, etc. It also contains a number of poetry journals, so it can be a good place to find additional poems by certain authors.

**Sample search:** Using the Quick Search box, search for **akhmatova**. Note the categories of results. Clicking on the author link will take you to a brief biography. Scrolling down to the poetry results, you will find poems by Akhmatova, as well as poems by other writers that were inspired by or dedicated to her. Scrolling down further, you'll find websites devoted to Akhmatova, and a video clip of another poet reading a poem about Akhmatova.

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### *Finding scholarly journal articles about poetry*

[MLA International Bibliography \(MLAIB\)](#) is the best resource for finding scholarly journal articles about literature written in any language. It contains citations for articles written from 1920 to the present. To get the full text of the article, click on “Find article @ UVa Libraries”, or look up the journal title in VIRGO.

**Sample search:** Click on the link for **advanced search** on the left side of the screen. Type **walcott** into the first search box, and **influence** into the second. Returns 17 articles. Use the Find This @UVa Libraries link to get the full text of the articles. If the citation is for a book, check VIRGO to see if we own it.

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### *Finding materials from magazines and news sources*

[InfoTrac OneFile](#) is a general database, with popular and scholarly articles going back to 1980. Many articles are available in full text. This can be a good place to look for articles about historical or cultural events that may have influenced a poet.

[LexisNexis](#): For resources about contemporary literature, newspaper articles and news transcripts are sometimes a better resource than scholarly journals. LexisNexis can help you find reviews and interviews.

**Sample search:** Type “seamus heaney” into the main search box. Check off the boxes for **Major US and World Publications** and **TV and Radio Broadcast Transcripts**, and set the date field to **All available dates**. It should return newspaper articles from around the world, as well as transcripts of interviews from NPR, CNN, and other sources. To read an article or transcript, click on its title.

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### *Helpful URLs*

Library Home Page: <http://www.lib.virginia.edu>

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: <http://www.lib.virginia.edu/services/refworks.html>