

## Introductory Literature

### LIBRARY CATALOGS

Bowling Green Technical College Library: <http://opac.kctcs.edu> (Limit search to **Bowling Green TC**)

Bowling Green Public Library: <http://catalog.bgpl.org/>

Western Kentucky University Libraries TOPCAT: <http://topcat2000.wku.edu/>

**Materials can be borrowed from WKU Libraries and delivered to the BGTC Library.**

Submit the [BGTC/WKU Library Book Service Form](#) on the library's website to staff at the Help Desk.

### LIBRARY OF CONGRESS (LC) CALL NUMBERS

Look for the call numbers listed below on the library shelves to find print and audio-visual materials on literature and writing:

#### LANGUAGE & LITERATURE: P

**PE English Language**

**PN Literature (General)**

**PR English Literature**

**PS American Literature**

Library of Congress Classification System is available at: <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsolcco/>

### SUBJECT HEADINGS

Use the subject headings listed below when searching a library catalog for materials:

- To search by an author: (last name, first name)  
Example: Shakespeare, William
- American literature
- American poetry
- English fiction
- English language—Terms and phrases
- English literature
- Literature—History and criticism
- Literature—Terminology
- Psychology in literature
- Sex role in literature
- Short story
- Women and literature
- Women in literature

### REFERENCE RESOURCES

It is important to get an overview of a topic so you have a general understanding of the issue. Background information may include: the history of a subject, facts, statistics, key terms, and the names of significant people in the field. Sources for background information include: encyclopedias, dictionaries, almanacs and other materials shelved in the Reference Collection or available online.

The following items are located in the **Reference Collection** and are for in-library use only:

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| • Critical Survey of Drama (8 vols.)                     | PN 1625 C68 (2003)      |
| • Critical Survey of Poetry (8 vols.)                    | PN 1021 C7 (2002)       |
| • Critical Survey of Short Story Fiction (7 vols.)       | PN 3321 C7 (2001)       |
| • Cyclopedia of Literary Characters (5 vols.)            | PN 33 M3 (1998)         |
| • Cyclopedia of World Authors (5 vols.)                  | PN 451M36 (2003)        |
| • Dictionary of Gods and Goddesses                       | BL 473 J67 (2004)       |
| • Encyclopedia of the Romantic Era (2 vols.)             | NX 425.5 R64 E53 (2004) |
| • Facts on File Encyclopedia of World Mythology & Legend | BL 303 M45 (2004)       |
| • Literary Terms and Literary Theory                     | PN 41 C83 (1999)        |
| • Masterplots (12 vols.)                                 | PN 44 M33 (1996)        |
| • Masterplots II: Poetry Series (8 vols.)                | PN 1110.5 M37 (2002)    |
| • Masterplots II: Short Story Series (8 vols.)           | PN 3326 M27 (2004)      |
| • Masterplots II: (4 vols.)                              | PN 6112.5 M37 (2003)    |
| • MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers            | LB 2369 G53 2003        |

- Oxford Dictionary of Quotations PN 6080 O95 (2004)
- Shakespeare for Students (3 vols.) PR 2987 S47 (2007)
- Short Story Criticism (12 vols.) ANSI 239 48 (1984-2001)

## MULTIMEDIA (DVD)

- Alice Walker, "Everyday Use" PR 3563 O8749 E94 2004
- Charles Dickens (4 vols.) PN & PR (check catalog)
- English Grammar (10 vols.) PE 1112.7 E54 2004
- Edgar Allan Poe, "The Tell-Tale Heart" PS 2603 E93 2000
- Ernest Hemingway, "A Clean, Well-Lighted Place" PS 3515 E37 43 2004
- Guy de Maupassant, "The Necklace"\*
- Henrik Ibsen, "A Doll's House" PT 8861 A3314 2003
- John Updike, "A&P" PS 3571 P4 A363 2002
- Kate Chopin, "Five Stories of an Hour"\*
- Katharine Anne Porter, "The Jilting of Granny Weatherall" PS 3531 O752 J558 2005
- Langston Hughes, "Salvation" PS 3515 U274 S3 2003
- Mark Twain PS 1331 B87 2004
- Nathaniel Hawthorne, "Young Goodman Brown" PS 1872 Y63 Y64 2004
- Raymond Carver, "Cathedral" PS 3553 A7894 C37 2004
- William Faulkner, "A Rose for Emily"\*
- William Shakespeare (19 vols.) PR (check catalog)
- William Shakespeare: A Life of Drama PR 2894 W55 2002

Check the BGTC Library Catalog for many other multimedia titles.

*\*See library staff for these titles.*

## DATABASES (use these to find indexed, full-text journals and magazine articles)

### CREDO reference

<http://www.credoreference.com>

Features content from hundreds of popular reference books on a broad range of subjects. The following literature reference guides are available: Dictionary of Literary Symbols, Brewer's Curious Titles, Cambridge Guide to Literature in English, 3rd edition, Continuum Encyclopedia of American Literature, Continuum Encyclopedia of British Literature, Continuum Encyclopedia of Children's Literature, Dictionary of Shakespeare, Encyclopedia of American Poetry: The Twentieth Century, Holocaust Literature: An Encyclopedia of Writers and Their Work, The Bloomsbury Dictionary of English Literature, The Cambridge Guide to Children's Books in English, The Cambridge Guide to Women's Writing in English, The Chronology of American Literature, The Columbia Companion to the Twentieth-Century American Short Story.

Provides citation information in **APA** and **MLA** styles.

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### Gale

<http://find.galegroup.com/menu/commonmenu.do?userGroupName=kctcsbgtc>

(Off Campus use <https://216.69.39.58/login> )

Databases: **Academic OneFile**, **Health Reference Center Academic**, **Expanded Academic ASAP**, **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**, **Health and Wellness Resource Center**.

Provides extensive coverage of peer-reviewed, full-text articles from journals, magazines, newspapers, reference materials and multimedia sources. Provides citation information in **APA** and **MLA** styles.

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### Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL)

<http://www.kyvl.org>

(Available Off Campus—**Contact library for current Username & Password**)

Resources: **EBSCOhost**, **Literary Reference Center**, **Grolier Encyclopedias** (Encyclopedia Americana), **ProQuest**, **Kentuckiana Digital Library** and **Kentucky Statistics**.

Click on the link, [Find Books, Articles, and More](#), to connect directly to a database. The following databases may be of interest to English students and are available through EBSCOhost: **Academic Search Premier**, **Literary Reference Center**, **Newspaper Source**, **Master FILE Premier**, **TOPICsearch**.

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### NetLibrary (Electronic Books)

<http://www.netlibrary.com>

**(Available Off Campus—Must create a free account on campus first.)**

Provides full-text access to hundreds of fiction and nonfiction books of interest to students studying English literature. Provides works by authors as well as books on literary criticism. For example: Jane Austen, Kate Chopin, Charles Dickens, Ernest Hemingway and John Steinbeck. These ebooks are listed in the BGTC Library Catalog and are indicated by the words, **[electronic resource]**, following the book's title in the catalog listing.

### Website Resources

- **Bartleby:** [www.bartleby.com](http://www.bartleby.com)  
Provides free access to a number of reference resources such as dictionaries, thesauri, encyclopedias (Cambridge History of English and American Literature), and books on quotations.
- **Biography Online:** [www.biography.com/search/index.jsp](http://www.biography.com/search/index.jsp)
- **Google Scholar Search:** <http://scholar.google.com/>  
Google Scholar provides a simple way to broadly search for scholarly literature. From one place, you can search across many disciplines and sources: peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, abstracts and articles.
- **MLA Citation Guide:** <http://library.osu.edu/sites/guides/mlagd.php>  
Citation guide created by Ohio State University Libraries based on *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6th ed.* (Modern Language Society, 2003).
- **Purdue University Online Writing Lab:** <http://owl.english.purdue.edu>  
The Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue University is a free service of the Writing Lab at Purdue. Information is provided on writing projects and citation formats.
- **Western Kentucky University Library Research Guide on English:**  
<http://www.wku.edu/Library/dlps/rsrchguides/dept/html/english.html>

### Evaluation & Citation

The Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) has tutorials on how to do research at <http://www.kyvl.org/html/tutorial/research/>.

Provides assistance with *Evaluating Information*, *Searching the Web* and *Citing Sources*.

Evaluate all information carefully. Websites present additional challenges. Use the evaluation criteria below to determine the quality of information sources.

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| #1: Authority   | (who's responsible?)         |
| #2: Accuracy    | (is this for real?)          |
| #3: Objectivity | (what's the bottom line?)    |
| #4: Currency    | (how timely is this?)        |
| #5: Coverage    | (what's included? excluded?) |

A good researcher uses a standard citation format to identify the information used and give credit to its creator. Consistency is crucial.

This brochure represents only a small amount of the available information on English Literature. Please visit the library for assistance with your research.