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Class textbooks on reserve
These are available for two-hour check-out by request at the library’s circulation desk. Click on the class name to see what's on reserve!

- English 1A
  http://lamp.rcc.edu/search~S5/?SEARCH=eng+1a&searchscope=5
- English 1B
Research and Writing

Books on Writing
This is a selection of books that you can check out and take home:

- The Oxford guide to library research by Thomas Mann (Z710 .M23 2005)
  http://lamp.rcc.edu/search~S5?/searchtype=t&searcharg=oxford+guide+to+library&searchscope=5&sortdropdown=-&SORT=D&extended=0&searchlimits=&searchorigarg=dLiterature+--+History+and+criticism+--+Theory%2C+etc
  "Thomas Mann maps out an array not just of important databases and print sources, but of several specific search techniques that can be applied profitably in any area of research." - Editorial Description

  http://lamp.rcc.edu/search~S5?/Xwriting&searchscope=5&SORT=D/Xwriting&searchscope=5&SORT=D&extended=0&searchlimits=&searchscope=5&SORT=D&32%2C32%2C
  "A clear, inviting text that engages students visually, demonstrates concepts with color and highlighting, and offers students the support and coverage they need to write well in college." - Editorial Description

- Great essays: an introduction to writing essays by Keith S. Folse, April Muchmore-Vokoun, Elena Vesti Solomon (PE1413 .F65 2004)
  http://lamp.rcc.edu/search~S5?/Xessays&searchscope=5&SORT=D/Xessays&searchscope=5&SORT=D&extended=0&searchlimits=&searchscope=5&SORT=D&13%2C13%2C
  A book that takes you from scratch to finish in essay writing.

  http://lamp.rcc.edu/search/t?SEARCH=Writing+essays+about+literature%3A+a+guide+and+style+sheet+&sortdropdown=-&searchscope=5
  "Widely used in introductory literature courses as a style guide or as a supplement to anthologies, this book provides valuable guidelines for interpreting literature and writing essays." - Editorial Description

Electronic Resources
You can access these instantly if you are using a Norco College Library computer, or you can access them from home once you log in. See how to log in remotely.

- The blue book of grammar and punctuation by Jane Straus (Electronic Book)
  http://lamp.rcc.edu/search~S5?/dEnglish+language+--+Grammar./denglish+language+grammar/-3%2C-1%2C0%2C&frameset&FF=denglish+language+grammar&3%2C%2C43
  Useful reference source for grammar tips.

- How to write essays by Don Schiachi (Electronic Book)
  http://lamp.rcc.edu/search~S5?/Xhow+to+write+essays&searchscope=5&SORT=D/Xhow+to+write+essays&searchscope=5&SORT=D&extended=0&SUBKEY=how%20to%20write%20essays
  A step-by-step guide for all levels, with sample essays.

- Shortcuts for the student writer by Jay Silverman, Elaine Hughes, Diana Roberts Wienbroer (Electronic Book)
  http://lamp.rcc.edu/search~S5?/searchtype=t&searcharg=shortcuts+for+the+student+writer&searchscope=5&sortdropdown=-&SORT=D&extended=0&searchlimits=&searchorigarg=tMcGraw-Hill+Desk+Reference+Tips+on+grammar+reference%2C+putting+a+paper+together+and+conducting+research

Websites

- OWL at Purdue - Online Writing Lab
  http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/776/01/
  Overview of the writing process, conducting research, using rhetoric, writing on different genres, style and language and citing your sources.

- MLA Format at the Purdue OWL
  http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/
  How to format your papers in MLA and cite your sources correctly.

- Steps for Planning and Writing About Literature
  http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/literature.html
  Very handy website that walks you through the entire process of writing about literature.

- Academic Writing LibGuide
  http://norco.rcc.libguides.com/content.php?pid=154929
  Also check out this guide to writing in an academic setting.

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Literary Criticism

Literary Criticism Reference Works
This is a selection of literary criticism references that are essential to starting your literary research. They can all be found in the Reference section and are library use only.

You can jump-start your search by looking up your topic online in Gale Literary Index, which indexes all of Gale’s publications, including most of those below. Also try searching for your author in a catalog subject search (last name first!) to find more materials.

- Dictionary of concepts in literary criticism and theory by Wendell V. Harris (Reference PN 41 H36 1992)
- Introduction to literary criticism concepts.
- Twentieth-century literary criticism (Reference PN 771 T9)
- Series of books includes authors who died between 1960 and 1959.
- Contemporary literary criticism (Reference PN 771 C59)
- Series of books includes authors now living, and those who died after 1960.
- World literature criticism: 1500 to the present (Reference PN 523 W67 1992)
- A one-stop, authoritative guide to the whole spectrum of world literature from the 16th to the 20th centuries.” - Editorial Description
- Hispanic literature criticism by Jelena Krstovic, editor (Reference PB 8039 H5 1994)
- Black literature criticism by Jeffrey W. Hunter, Jerry Moore, editors (Reference PS 153. NS 5 S56 1992)
- Asian American literature by Lawrence J. Trudeau, editor (Reference PS 153. A84 A82 1999)
- Native North American literature by Janet Wataic, editor, Jeffrey Chapman, Christopher Giroux, associate editors (Reference PS 608. I3 N38 1994)
- Dictionary of concepts in literary criticism and theory by Wendell V. Harris (Reference PN 41 H36 1992)
- Multi-disciplinary database of scholarly journals.

More literary criticism in the catalog

Browse these search results for topics related to your research.

- Literature, Modern -- 20th century -- History and Criticism
- Literature, Modern -- 19th century -- History and Criticism

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- Academic Search Premier
- Biography Reference Bank
- Columbia Granger’s World of Poetry
- Dictionary of Literary Biography
- Gale Literary Databases
- Gale Literary Index
- Gale Literature Databases
- Gale Literary Resource Center

Find information on thousands of authors and works across disciplinary and timeframes including plot summaries, synopses and work overviews, literary criticism, author biographies, book reviews, classic and contemporary poems, contemporary short stories, and author interviews.

- Literary Reference Center
- Literature Resource Center

See also for more information on these sites.
Magill OnLiterature Plus includes literary works, reviewed critical analyses and brief plot summaries, as well as all the biographies and author essays. This database is composed of approximately 35,000 critical analyses of individual works of literature, 6,500 biographical records, more than 1,000 images, and a glossary of 1,310 literary terms.

Don't forget to cite your sources

Keep notes while you conduct research - you must cite your sources in your final paper. Use the MLA guide at the library or visit the OWL at Purdue for MLA citation information.

Visit the plagiarism LibGuide for more information on citing your sources.

- MLA style manual and guide to scholarly publishing (Reference LB2369 .G53 2009)
- Official manual for MLA style. Library use only.

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Literature in the Library

You can find works of English and American literature in the library's collection filed under PR, PS and PZ. For example, the call number for The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros is PS 3553.I78 H6. Come in and browse!

Websites

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  http://shakespeare.mit.edu/works.html
  The bard's works, available free online.

- Open Library from the Internet Archive
  http://www.archive.org/details/texts
  More free electronic books and texts.