

Northeast Lakeview College LRC

Resource Guide – Literary Criticism

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By doing an **ADVANCED KEYWORD** search, you can specify a specific college, a specific type of material, or a combination of criteria by using **BOOLEAN** connectors **AND**, **OR**, and **AND NOT**.

When doing literary criticism research, use your author's name as your **subject**.

The screenshot shows the 'Libraries of the Alamo Community Colleges' search interface. The 'Advanced Keyword Search' section is active, with the 'Subject' field set to 'faulkner, william'. The 'College' dropdown is set to 'Northeast Lakeview College'. The 'Submit' button is visible. The sidebar on the right includes 'Other Searches' (Basic Keyword Search, Form/Genre Search, Author and Title Search, Government Documents, Course reserves, ISBN/ISSN) and 'Search Tips' (Keyword and Phrase).

Use **Subject:** to search within the **subject** field only. This will generally help to narrow your search results by producing fewer matches, for example:

faulkner, william limited to Northeast Lakeview College – 55 results

Subject: faulkner, william limited to Northeast Lakeview College - 41 results

Use **AND** to narrow your search:

Subject: faulkner, william **AND** rose

Subject: faulkner, william **AND** criticism

Subject: faulkner, william **AND** women

Multiple words not in quotes are searched first as a **phrase**. Results are shown with any phrase matches and then with the words searched individually but “**ANDed**” together. To narrow your search to only a specific phrase, enclose it in quotation marks, for example:

barn burning is a different search than “barn burning”

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GETTING STARTED USING ELECTRONIC DATABASES – Articles & More!

http://www.accd.edu/nlc/library/t_Electronic%20Databases.htm

Use the databases that are most appropriate for your subject. Some databases are broad and cross field disciplines, whereas others are more focused on a particular subject area. Click on the word [Literature](#) to take you to the list of databases that are most appropriate for literary criticism.

[Literature Resource Center](#)

Use **Advanced Search** interfaces when they are available. To search for a particular author, use the “Person-By or About” field. Use the BOOLEAN connectors to further refine your search. Other limiters such as date, peer-reviewed, and content type (Literature Criticism, etc.) are also available.



The screenshot shows the Literature Resource Center search page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Bookmark, Previous Searches, Dictionaries, Title List, Help, Tips, and Guided Tour. Below this is a search menu with options: Basic Search, Advanced Search, Person Search, Works Search, and Gale Literary Index. The main content area displays the text "Currently searching Literature Resource Center with 961,796 documents." Below this is the "Advanced Search" section, which includes a dropdown menu for "Select index(es) and enter term(s) to search (*indicates a browseable index)". The search criteria are: "Person-By or About (pz) *" with the value "Gaines", "And" connector, "Name Of Work (wO) *" with the value "sky is gray", and "And" connector, "Person-By or About (pz) *" with an empty field. There are "Browse" buttons next to each field, an "Add a Row" link, and "Search" and "Clear" buttons.

[MLA International Bibliography](#)

MLA is THE index for literary topics, but keep in mind that most of it is not fulltext. See the section at the bottom of this guide to learn how to find out if something is fulltext in another database.



The screenshot shows the MLA International Bibliography search page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Keyword, Thesaurus, MLA Directory of Periodicals, Names as Subjects, and More. Below this is the search area, which includes the text "Searching: MLA International Bibliography" and a "Choose Databases" link. The search criteria are: "Cisneros, Sandra" in "SU Subjects-All", "and" connector, "house on mango street" in "Select a Field (optional)", and "and" connector, an empty field in "Select a Field (optional)". There are "Search" and "Clear" buttons, and an "Add Row" link. At the bottom, there are links for "Advanced Search", "Visual Search", "Search History/Alerts", and "Preferences".

[Literary Reference Center](#)

This fulltext database combines information from major reference works, books, literary journals, and other sources. The **Advanced Search** allows you to limit by document type (Biographies, Literary Criticism, etc.) and many other criteria. Most of your literary papers will require criticisms.

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[Literature Criticism Online](#)

This database includes a variety of content originally published in print format only. Several Gale publications are included, such as Contemporary Literary Criticism, Poetry Criticism, Short Story Criticism, and more. The **Advanced Search** tab allows you to connect up to three pieces of information with the Boolean operators AND, OR, and NOT. Note that the default settings will search the Full Text; change this to a more specific setting such as Named Author or Named Work for more specific results. Alternatively, click on the tabs to directly **Browse Authors** or **Browse Works**.

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Death of a Salesman

Arthur Miller

American playwright, essayist, novelist, screenwriter, short story writer, nonfiction writer, travel writer, children's writer, and autobiographer.

The following entry presents criticism on Miller's play *Death of a Salesman* (1949) through 2002. For further information on his life and complete works, see *CLC*, Volumes 1, 2, 6, 10, 15, 26, 47, and 78.

INTRODUCTION

spends most of his time chasing women and drinking. Willy is extremely critical of his sons' lack of direction and, in turn, Biff and Hap regard him as ineffectual and worry that he is becoming senile in his old age. After talking to Linda about Biff's failure to find a career, Willy recalls his son's success as a football star and is soon reminded of his own marital infidelities with a woman he met on the road. Willy eventually shifts focus to criticizing Hap's spending habits and becomes upset. His neighbor Charlie calms him down and the two men play a game of cards. After Charlie leaves, Willy reminisces about his brother Ben, who left for Africa to

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<https://proxy.nlc.accd.edu:4443/login?url=http://atoz.ebsco.com/Search.asp?id=8525>

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http://www.accd.edu/nlc/library/t_links.html#literature

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