

**Schenectady County Community College
Begley Library and Instructional Technology Center**

HOW TO FIND LITERARY CRITICISM

I. BOOKS

Begley Library has many sources of literary criticism in the Reference section. Some of the most useful are listed here.

Call Number:

REF PJ 5008.W323
REF PN 81.J554
REF PN 94.T83
REF PN 610.C53
REF PN 761.N5
REF PN 771.C59
REF PN 771.S4
REF PN 3373.S386
REF PN3451.C75
REF PQ 119.N48
REF PQ 4038.C35
REF PQ 7081.A1
REF PR 473.T4
REF PR 502.C85
REF PR 623.C75
REF PS153.A84
REF PS 153.N5
REF PS 221.C8

Title:

A History of Jewish Literature
The Johns Hopkins Guide to Literary Theory & Criticism
Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism
Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism
Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism
Contemporary Literary Criticism
The New Guide to Modern World Literature
Short Story Criticism
Critical Survey of Long Fiction
A New History of French Literature
The Cambridge History of Italian Literature
Handbook of Latin American Literature
Modern British Literature
Critical Survey of Poetry
Critical Survey of Drama
Asian American Literature
African American Literary Criticism, 1773 to 2000
Modern American Literature

Search the library's online catalog to find books on literary criticism. The online catalog is accessible from the library's web site: <http://www.sunysccc.edu/library>. Select the link **Find Books** and **Find Books in This Library**. Here are some examples of subject headings used in our catalog.

Literature – history and criticism
French literature – history and criticism
Drama – history and criticism
Fiction – history and criticism

Poetry – history and criticism
American literature – Afro-American authors
American literature – 20th century – history and criticism

To find books with in-depth information about a particular author and his works, search the online catalog using the author's name as the SUBJECT. For example:

William Shakespeare
Langston Hughes – criticism and interpretation

II. ELECTRONIC DATABASES

Begley Library subscribes to several electronic databases which are available on the library's web page <http://www.sunysccc.edu/library>. Select the link **Find Articles**. Some databases provide access to information within a specific subject area, while others cover a broad range of

subject areas.

Subject specific databases:

Literature Resource Center

This is an excellent source for literary criticism. The Literature Resource Center contains the **full text** of biographies, bibliographies and critical analyses of authors from every age and literary discipline. It covers more than 12,000 novelists, poets, etc., with in depth coverage of 2,500 of the most studied authors.

The Twayne Author Series - Twayne World, English and U.S. Authors

Twayne World, US, and English Authors each contains the **full text** of 200 frequently used Twayne Literary Masters books on individual World, US, or English authors, for a total of 600 individual full-text titles.

Some general databases in which citations to and / or full text of articles on literary criticism will be found:

Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)

ArticleFirst (OCLC)

New York Times Full Text Archive

III. PERIODICALS

Some journals on literature to which the library subscribes are:

African American Review

American Literature

Analog

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Modern Fiction Studies

New York Times Magazine Section

Parnassus

Poetry

Review of Contemporary Fiction

Rhetoric Review

Studies in Short Fiction

Writer

Yale Review

IV. THE INTERNET

Here are some interesting web sites containing literary criticism.

Internet Public Library: Online Literary Criticism Collection

<http://www.ipl.org/div/ref/litcrit>

This site contains 4699 critical and biographical websites about authors and their works that can be browsed by author, by title, or by nationality and literary period. The Online Literary Criticism Collection primarily seeks to collect evaluative or explanatory writings about works of literature.

WSSLINKS

<http://libraries.mit.edu/humanities/WomensStudies/Culture2.html>

From the Women's Studies Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries, this web site has links to on-line texts of women writers and literary criticism and material about women authors.

V. LIBRARIANS

Reference Librarians will be happy to assist you in finding literary criticism. Please ask for assistance at the Reference desk.