

How to Find Literary Criticism

Books and articles that analyze the meaning and style of literary works are called “criticism”. There are several ways to search for literary criticism in the Hartnell College Library, and some of them are listed below. Ask the Reference Librarian if you need assistance.

Online Catalog

Use to find **books** and **media**. To find criticism about an author’s writings, do a **subject search** in the online catalog. Search under the author’s name, typing **last name first** (example: *steinbeck john*). Note the call number for the books about your author. Find those books by the call numbers. To find other useful books, browse the shelves close to the books you locate through the catalog. To find information about a specific work, use the **index** or **table of contents** of the books you locate.

Reserve Collection

To check if your instructor has placed any items on reserve for your class, search the online catalog under **Course Reserve**. Items usually are available for very brief loan periods, and are checked out at the circulation desk.

Reference Collection

Some reference books have articles containing literary criticism or biographical information that will help you understand the author’s work. To use these books, look for an index in the last volume of a set or at the end of single volume.

<u>Call Number</u>	<u>Title</u>
REF PN 501 .E9	EUROPEAN WRITERS
REF PN 771 .C59	CONTEMPORARY LITERARY CRITICISM (CLC)
REF PN 771 .T94	TWENTIETH CENTURY LITERARY CRITICISM (TCLC)
REF PN 111 .C7	CRITICAL SURVEY OF POETRY
REF PN 3451 .C7 1981	CRITICAL SURVEY OF SHORT FICTION
REF PN 3451 .C7	CRITICAL SURVEY OF LONG FICTION
REF PQ 7081 .A1 E56 1997	ENCYCLOPEDIA OF LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE
REF PQ 7081 .A1 H573 1994	HISPANIC LITERATURE: CRITICISM
REF PQ 7081 .A1 L37 1989	LATIN AMERICAN WRITERS
REF PQ 7081 .F63 1975	MODERN LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE
REF PR 85 .B688	BRITISH WRITERS
REF PS 128 .A54	DICTIONARY OF LITERARY BIOGRAPHY
REF PS 129 .A55	AMERICAN WRITERS
REF PS 151 .M54 1991	MODERN AMERICAN WOMEN WRITERS
REF PS 153 .N5 A344 1991	AFRICAN AMERICAN WRITERS
REF PS 153 .N5 B556 1992	BLACK LITERATURE: CRITICISM
REF PS 163 .A6 1996	AMERICAN NATURE WRITERS
REF PS 303 .P64 1998	POETS: AMERICAN AND BRITISH
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Electronic Resources and Indexes

The GaleNet databases Literature Resource Center and Scribner Writers Series are available to Hartnell College students. See the handout “Electronic Resources” for detailed information about electronic databases and resources.