



## Literature Resource Center

**THE online destination for Literature Criticism, Author Biographies, Reviews and more**

- Current and comprehensive online literature criticism, biographical information, reviews and reference
- Fast, intuitive access to key materials on Literature in all genres, from all time periods, from around the world
- New look and feel: reflects the way literature is taught and studied in today's curriculum
- Interdisciplinary: Supports class plans that integrate Literature and Language Studies with History, Film, Theater, and more

### What's in *Literature Resource Center*?

- **Criticism and Reviews:**
  - More than 70,000 signed critical essays from acclaimed Gale Literature series like *Contemporary Literary Criticism*, *Shakespearean Criticism*, *Short Story Criticism*, and other titles.
    - New content is added as new volumes of our literature series are published.
    - Materials are editorially selected to ensure a balanced and representative view of critical responses.
    - Includes book chapters, diaries, lectures, and other sources not otherwise available online.
  - Nearly 700,000 articles from more than 325 full-text academic journals and literary reviews
    - Thousands of book, theater, and film reviews
    - New content added daily
    - Over 50 new titles added since September 2006
- **Biographical Information:**
  - More than 140,000 author biographies from award-winning titles like *Contemporary Authors*, *Dictionary of Literary Biography*, and *Contemporary Literary Criticism*—biographical and bibliographic coverage of over 130,000 writers world-wide and across time
  - More than 5,000 interviews with contemporary writers
  - More than 3,000 pictures of major authors
- **Historical, Social and Cultural Context:**
  - Materials from sources like the *Dictionary of Literary Biography* and *Literature and Its Times* illuminate the historical and social contexts of literary works and movements.
  - Thousands of work overviews, topic overviews and explications help readers understand the "story behind the story" of literary works and movements
- **And more...**
  - Nearly 5,000 editorially selected links to authoritative literary Web sites
  - Nearly 25,000 full-text contemporary poems, short stories, and plays
  - Merriam-Webster's *Encyclopedia of Literature* and *Collegiate Dictionary*

### Updated, "Simple but Rich" User Experience

*Literature Resource Center's* new, "simple but rich" user experience is designed to support the diverse needs and search habits of your library patrons.

- Easy and accurate results from the Home Page whether searching on author names, titles or topics
- Multiple options to refine searches and browse indexes
- "Tabbed" results reflect the way Literature is studied
- Encourages further exploration via related subjects links, searches within the source publication, and links to other articles by the same person.
- Tools like Print, Email, Download, Citation Tools and Bookmark are clearly and easily accessible

### Highlights:

#### Enhanced Findability

- Extensive re-indexing of *Literature Resource Center's* award-winning content makes it easier for searchers to find the materials they need.
- Browsable search indexes help users identify the most useful search terms for their needs
- Person Search and Works Search create representative lists of authors or works that share characteristics like nationality, gender, genre, or century

#### New options to limit and refine searches

- Sort by Relevance, Publication Date, Document Title
- Search within results
- Narrow results by Subject, Source, Document Type, or Author

#### Updated Tools for Working with Documents

- Citation tool generates citations in MLA or APA format and supports bibliographic software like EndNote, ProCite, RefWorks and Reference Manager.
- On-the-fly translations in Spanish, French, German, Portuguese, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, or Korean.
- Bookmark feature provides a concise persistent URL to copy or email, ready for use in a document or on a Library Web page.

## Content You Can Trust

*Literature Resource Center* draws its rich content from three main sources:

- Gale's award-winning Literature reference series
- Updates, Web site annotations, images and other materials created and gathered specifically for *Literature Resource Center*
- Full-text scholarly journals, literary magazines and trade publications

### Literature Reference series represented in *Literature Resource Center*

#### **Contemporary Authors\* / Contemporary Authors New Revisions\***

#### **Dictionary of Literary Biography\***

##### **Selected materials from:**

##### **Literary Criticism series**

*Contemporary Literary Criticism\**

*Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism\**

*Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism\**

*Literature Criticism from 1400-1800*

*Classical & Medieval Literature Criticism*

*Shakespearean Criticism*

*Poetry Criticism*

*Short Story Criticism*

*Drama Criticism*

*Children's Literature Review*

##### **For Students Series**

*Short Stories for Students*

*Novels for Students*

*Poetry for Students*

*Drama for Students*

*Non-Fiction Classics for Students*

*Epics for Students*

#### **Literature & Its Times, St. James Press Reference Guides to Literature, and other select sources**

##### **Journals include:**

220+ Refereed journals, including *Studies in the Novel*, *Studies in Short Fiction*, *Texas Studies in Literature and Language*, *Shakespeare Studies*, *Review of Contemporary Fiction*

Prominent literary magazines such as *Harpers*, *Atlantic*, and the *New Yorker*

**Over 325 periodical titles in all—and more to come to 2008!**

**\*RUSA Outstanding Reference Source**

## Meets Curriculum Standards

- *Literature Resource Center* supports today's interdisciplinary curriculum with coverage of writers from all academic disciplines and all walks of life
- Multiple points of view support development of critical thinking skills
- An essential resource for students researching U.S., British or World Literatures, Theater, Film, Music, History, Popular Culture, Philosophy or Religion

## Integrated Search Options

Search the new *Literature Resource Center* with any of these Gale Literature databases in an integrated, intuitive environment designed for Literature:

#### **LitFinder**

- More than 140,000 full-text poems, stories, plays, essays, and speeches from all time periods
- An additional 850,000 citations with lists of source anthologies to help locate full text

#### **Scribner Writers Series Online**

- More than 2000 signed, in-depth essays on the lives and works of more than 1400 authors from around the world

#### **Twayne's Authors Online**

- In-depth critical introductions to authors' lives & works, literary movements and genres, written by noted scholars

#### **MLA International Bibliography**

- The leading bibliographic resource for research in literature, language, folklore and linguistics
- Citations link to full text in *Literature Resource Center*, *JSTOR* and *Project Muse*, where available
- Includes the *MLA Directory of Periodicals* and *MLA Thesaurus/Subject Guide*

**More integrated search options to follow in 2008!**

## Continuously Updated

- Gale's Literature Publishing team ensures that major literary news is reflected in authors' biographical coverage within 48 hours
- *Contemporary Authors* entries and revised entries routinely appear in *Literature Resource Center* 1 to 3 weeks before they appear in print
- "Fast-track" entries on emerging authors appear in *Literature Resource Center* months before their print publication date
- Full-text periodical articles are added daily, as soon as the publisher makes them available—and Gale offers the fewest and shortest periodical content embargoes of any major literature database.
- Content from the *Dictionary of Literary Biography*, the 10 Literature Criticism Series and For Students titles is added several times a month as new print volumes are published.

## Covers World Literatures

- More than 7,000 entries on world authors from *Dictionary of Literary Biography*
- More than 19,000 non-U.S. authors covered in *Contemporary Authors Online*
- More than 60 full-text periodicals published outside the United States