Online reference sources / context and background on authors and works

Literature Resource Center

Oxford Reference, Literature
http://www.oxfordreference.com/

Oxford English Dictionary Online
http://www.oed.com/

Library catalogs

OBIS http://obis.oberlin.edu/
OhioLINK http://ocl1.ohiolink.edu/search/
WorldCat - use the link from the QuickLinks menu on Library home page

Literary terms, theory and criticism reference

*Anthem dictionary of literary terms and theory* / London ; New York: Anthem Press, 2010
Main Reference PN41 .A9 2010

*The Johns Hopkins guide to literary theory & criticism* / Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins Univ. Press, 2005
Main Reference PN81 .J554 2005

Main Reference PN43 .D48 1988 (2 vols)

Research databases

MLA International Bibliography
http://search.ebscohost.com/login.asp?profile=web&defaultdb=mzh
MLA Bibliography (Modern Language Association) is the most comprehensive index to books and articles published on modern languages, literatures, folklore, and linguistics. Includes literature from all over the world, covers research back to 1926

Literature Resource Center
Full-text database that includes author biographies and work overviews, literary criticism, and indexed books, essays, and articles on world literature.
JSTOR
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Selected full text journals (limited subset of titles) / Very little current content / no controlled searching or subject searching/ searches keywords within full text of articles

Google Scholar
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Web of Knowledge
http://rave.ohiolink.edu/databases/wok
The authoritative source for cited reference searching; find out where something was cited since publication, track the influence and impact of an article

ProQuest Dissertations and Theses
http://search.proquest.com/pqdt/advanced/?accountid=12933
Index of most current dissertations written in the United States, and some outside of the US, including some going back as far as the 19th century. Limited previews are available for many of the dissertations that have been added in the past 10-15 years. For full-text search the web, search Google Scholar, and if unavailable use ILLiad for InterLibrary Loan

Article databases from other disciplines

- Academic Search Complete – large multidisciplinary database
- America: History and Life
- ATLA Religion
- Communication and Mass Media Complete
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- Film Literature Index
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- Music Index Online
- Philosopher’s Index

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