Online reference sources

- Literature Resource Center

- Oxford Reference

- Oxford English Dictionary Online

Library catalogs

- OBIS  [http://obis.oberlin.edu/](http://obis.oberlin.edu/)
- OhioLINK  [http://olc1.ohiolink.edu/search/](http://olc1.ohiolink.edu/search/)

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

*Contemporary literary & cultural theory : the Johns Hopkins guide* / Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins 2012
Main Reference PN81 .C744 2012

Research databases

- MLA International Bibliography
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.

- Google Scholar
  [http://scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)
Mix of scholarly content and less scholarly / some freely available articles / some web-based sources you wouldn’t find indexed elsewhere / useful for cited reference searching with “times cited” link / never pay for articles! check journal finder & order on ILLiad
Article databases from other disciplines

- Academic Search Complete (multidisciplinary)
- America: History and Life
- ATLA Religion
- Communication and Mass Media Complete
- FIAF: International Film Archive Database
- Film and Television Literature Index
- Film Literature Index
- Historical Abstracts
- Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts
- Music Index Online
- Philosopher’s Index

Historical primary source databases

Early English Books Online, 1473-1700
http://eebo.chadwyck.com
Contains searchable digital scans of most of the existing works published in English before 1700

Eighteenth Century Collections Online, 1701-1800
Contains scans of over 200,000 items published in English between 1701-1800 (primarily British origin)

Early American Imprints 1639-1819
Series I: Evans - 1639-1801
Series II: Shaw-Shoemaker - 1801-1819
http://infoweb.newsbank.com/?db=EVAN&s%5Fstart=evans
Contains scans of most of the existing works published in English before 1819.

Nineteenth Century Collections Online
COLLECTIONS: British Politics and Society
- Asia and the West: Diplomacy and Cultural Exchange
- Europe and Africa: Commerce, Christianity, Civilization, and Conquest
- European Literature, 1790-1840: The Corvey Collection
- British Theatre, Music, and Literature: High and Popular Culture
- Photography: The World through the Lens
- Science, Technology, and Medicine: 1780-1925
- Women: Transnational Networks

Indexes to historical periodicals and newspapers

19th Century US Newspapers  Approx. 200 American newspaper, searchable with page images)

19th Century British Library Newspapers

Access Newspaper Archive Hundreds of smaller US newspapers from 19th and 20th centuries
http://access.newspaperarchive.com/

African American Newspapers, 1827-1998
http://infoweb.newsbank.com/?db=EANX&d_collections=EANAAA
America’s Historical Newspapers, 1690-1876
http://infoweb.newsbank.com/?db=EANX

American Periodicals Series, 1740-1900  magazines, journals, and newspapers
http://proquest.umi.com/login?COPT=SUSUPTAmVkBVSPTlmREJTPE0NEQ@&clientid=3338

Chronicling America, 1836-1922  online newspapers from NEH and Library of Congress
http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/

HarpWeek  Scanned, searchable volumes of Harper’s Weekly 1857-1871
http://app.harpweek.com/

The Nation, 1865-current

New York Times, 1851-2008
http://search.proquest.com/hnpnewyorktimes/advanced?accountid=12933

Nineteenth Century Masterfile  Periodical index that includes Poole’s Index to Periodical Literature (1802-1906)
http://poolesplus.odyssi.com

Readers’ Guide Retrospective, 1890-1982 and Readers’ Guide Abstracts, 1982-current  Index with full-text linking to popular periodicals, primarily covering the United States

Research tools everyone should know about

Journal Finder  - Comprehensive listing of Oberlin’s print and online periodical holdings (use tab on the main search box of the library website

ILLiad  http://illiad.oberlin.edu/illiad/logon.html -- Inter-library loan; order full text of articles (PDFs usually), books not available in OhioLINK, and any other material not available at Oberlin

Oberlin College Library Special Collections  - Much of what’s available is cataloged in OBIS; Rare books, first editions, unique materials, etc. Hours are 1:30-4:30 Mon-Fri

WorldCat – (https://www.worldcat.org/) Catalog that searches holdings of most US libraries; identifies what materials exist and what we may be able to borrow from other libraries

Getting research help / working with librarians

Sign up for a Research Appointment  http://oberlin.edu/library/forms/resappts.html

Drop-in  at Academic Commons Research Desk

Call  (440) 775-5031 (hours are the same as Research Desk)

Chat  Use chat window on the library website

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