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# LITERATURE RESOURCE CENTRE

Literature Resource Centre provides access to biographies, bibliographies, and critical analyses of authors from every age and literary discipline. LRC covers more than 120,000 novelists, poets, essayists, journalists, and other writers, with in-depth coverage of 2,500 of the most-studied authors. Includes Shakespearean Criticism full text.

### How do I log in?

Visit the Online Resources web page at [www.stratford.library.on.ca/databases.htm](http://www.stratford.library.on.ca/databases.htm). Go to the **Reading and Literature** section and then click on **Literature Resource Centre**. A new page will open and you will be prompted to enter your library card number. If you are in the library you should be automatically logged in.

### Author Search

On the LRC homepage you will see an Author Search. **Author Search** allows you to search by the author's full name, a part of the name, or variant names and pseudonyms. By default, the Author Search searches for the name and looks for author names containing any name or names you enter. You will be brought to a biography of that author. At the top there will be a number of tabs for you to choose from for additional information – *Biography, Literary Criticism, Bibliographies, Additional Resources, and Historical Timeline*.

### Title Search

To perform a title search, click on **Title** in the blue box under Author Search and type in the title of the work you are looking for. You may also further limit by author name. You will be brought to a list of results. Click on any of the titles to read the article.

### Historical Timeline

This search allows you to target a specific date range for literary figures, movements, and historical events. It provides you with a sense of events that took place in an author's life and/or the period in which a work was published. You can choose **Timeline** at the beginning and search by date, or you can do a title or author. By clicking on the **Timeline** tab (once you have entered your search criteria) the timeline will move to that era.

### Shakespearean Criticism

If you perform a search for any of Shakespeare's plays (ie. Macbeth) you will retrieve full text results from Shakespearean Criticism as well as other sources. SC provides excerpts from the Criticism of William Shakespeare's Plays & Poetry, from the First Published Appraisals to Current Evaluations

### Truncation

The \* (standing for any number of characters) is placed at the end of the term's root. The search retrieves all words sharing the same root. For example, the term *faith\** retrieves essays that contain the words faith, faithful, or faiths. The ? is used to replace exactly one character within a word to retrieve various forms of that word. For example, the term *wom?n* retrieves essays that contain either woman or women; and *psych????y* matches either psychology or psychiatry but not psychotherapy. This is great when you can't remember how to spell a title or author's name.

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### Getting Help

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