

How to Find Literary Criticism

I have to find some **literary criticism**, but I don't know where to start.



Literary criticism is the study, discussion, evaluation, and interpretation of literature.*

If you have to write about a poem, play, short story, or book you've read, you'll want to find out what the literary experts and other smart people have said about it. Then, you can use this information to support your ideas.

Here are some tools you can use to find criticism of literary works:

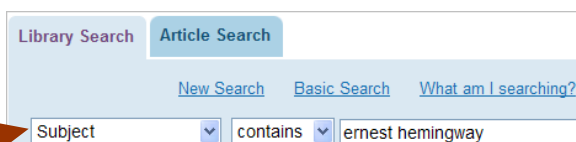
1. Books of Criticism

If you have chosen a work by a very famous author (like Ernest Hemingway or Alice Walker), chances are you will be able to find entire books that discuss the author's works.

Use the **LINCC Catalog** to find out if the Kendall Campus Library has books about your author.

To reach the **LINCC Catalog**, visit the library home page (www.mdc.edu/kendall/library) and click *Find Books*. Click *Online Library Catalog (LINCC)*, then click *Advanced Search*.

Remember! To find books *about* an author, use a **subject** search.



2. Criticism Databases

You can find magazine articles, journal articles, book excerpts, web links, and more in the **library databases**. Miami Dade College students have access to several databases that focus on literary criticism. These include:

**Literature Resources from Gale,
Literary Reference Center,
and
Twayne Authors Series**

To connect to these resources:

1. Go to www.mdc.edu/kendall/library
2. Click *Find Articles*
3. Click *LINCCWeb Databases*
4. Click *Databases By Subject*
5. Log in with your **Borrower ID** (your MDC student number) and **PIN** (the last 4 digits of your MDC student number)
6. On the subject list, click *Literature*
7. Select the desired database

3. Criticism Web Sites

The *Internet Public Library Literary Criticism Collection* (www.ipl.org/div/litcrit) contains links to quality web sites about authors and their works.

To learn more about literary criticism and how to write a critical analysis, see *Critical Reading: a Guide* (www.brocku.ca/english/ilve/criticalreading.php).



Need More Help?

Librarians are available to assist you at the Kendall Campus Library Reference and Information Services Desk on the second floor of building 2. Feel free to visit us, or call (305) 237-2077 or (305) 237-2292.