Poetry Research Resources

Criticism

American and British Poetry: A Guide to the Criticism
Critical Survey of Poetry
Epic and Romance Criticism
Facts on File Companion to 20th-Century American Poetry
**Guide to British Poetry Explication**
**Guide to American Poetry Explication**
**Poetry Criticism**

GENERAL LITERARY CRITICISM—including poetry

Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism
Contemporary Literary Criticism
Literature Criticism from 1400 to 1800
Nineteenth-Century Literary Criticism
Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism

**Academic Search Premier**

Humanities Full Text
Infotrac/Expanded Academic ASAP
**MLA International Bibliography**

Biography

**African American Writers**
**Ancient Writers: Greece and Rome**
**British Writers**
**Chicano Literature: A Reference Guide**
**Contemporary Poets**
**Contemporary Popular Writers**
**Dictionary of Literary Biography**
**European Writers**
**Latin American Writers**
**Modern American Women Writers**
**Southern Writers: A Biographical Dictionary**

**Biography Resource Center**
**Dictionary of National Biography**
**Literature Resource Center**

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"Ready Ref..." – these texts are located behind the Reference Desk
**Bold** - these titles are recommended
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Handbooks and Guides to Writing, Research and Literary Theory

- Literary Research Guide
- MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers
  Ref LB 2369. G53 2003
- Writing Essays about Literature: A Guide and Style Sheet
  Ref PN 83 .G72 1998

- A Glossary of Literary Terms
- A Glossary of Contemporary Literary Theory
- Encyclopedia of Contemporary Literary Theory
- Encyclopedia of Literary Critics and Criticism
- The Johns Hopkins Guide to Literary Theory and Criticism

Other Electronic Resources - Available on and off Campus (for USC students, faculty & staff)

- English Poetry Database
  www.sc.edu/library/
- Oxford English Dictionary
  www.sc.edu/library/
- Select “Indexes”
  Select “Indexes”

CD-ROMs available in the Thomas Cooper Library Reference Department (ask at reference for assistance)

- Columbia Granger’s World of Poetry
- Database of African-American Poetry
- Database of American Poetry

Subject Indexes

- Columbia Granger’s Index to Poetry
  Ready Ref PN1022 .F73
- Index to Black Poetry
  Ref PN1025 .C5
- Poetry Themes
  Ref PN1022 .M3
- Subject Index to Poetry for Children and Young People
  Ref PN1023 .S92 1982
- Subject Index to Poetry
  Ref PN1021.B7

Library Catalog

The University Libraries' Catalog will help you locate books and other materials on your topic. A keyword search using terms from the topic is often the best way to search. When looking for items on a specific author keep in mind the following:

- Author search: Hemingway Ernest
- Subject search: Hemingway Ernest
- Keyword search: Ernest Hemingway
- works by Hemingway
- works about Hemingway
- works both by and about Hemingway

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