

## LOYOLA ENG 200-Level Guide for Literary Research

### Finding Articles :

To find articles on topics related to literature, use the following DATABASES:

(Library web page [www.loyola.edu/library](http://www.loyola.edu/library) via English/Literature Resources or Databases by Title)

#### *Literary Criticism:*

- **MLA Bibliography:** references to sources on literature, language and film. (1963-pres.)
- **LION:** text, criticism and biographical information on English and American authors.
- **World Shakespeare Bibliography:** citations to books, articles, theatrical productions and other works on Shakespeare.

#### *Additional Useful Resources:*

- **Oxford English Dictionary:** definitions, etymology and the history of words
- **JSTOR:** back files of full-text journals on many academic topics.
- **Project Muse:** full-text journals in literature, performing arts and other topics.

#### *For Additional Criticism during a particular time period:*



- **Literature Resource Center:** excerpts of critical works, overviews of author's works, articles and biographical information.
- Bibliographies on the author studied (search library catalog)
- Reference series which include **excerpts** of criticism of author's works over time, e.g.:
  - *Literature Criticism from 1400 to 1800*. PN86 .L53 (reference section, library)
  - *Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism* PN761 .N5
  - *Contemporary Literary Criticism* PN771 .C59
  - *Twentieth Century Literary Criticism* PN771 .G27
  - *Poetry Criticism* PN1010 .P49
- **New York Times (1851-1998)** for reviews of works published during this time period.
- **Reader's Guide Retrospective (1890-1982):** references to reviews on works published during this time period.

### Searching the Databases:

- Formulate a thesis question on which your research will be centered
- Search a relevant database using keywords or search by subject when appropriate.
- Use **AND** to find citations containing both keywords: e.g., (symbolism AND Faulkner)
- Use **OR** for related terms to search for citations that contain one term OR the other.  
e.g., (women or feminine)
- Always put OR phrases in the same search box and enclose with parentheses
- Use **truncation** (often the asterisk\*) to retrieve similar words with different endings, e.g., spirit\* will retrieve, spirits, spiritual, spirituality, etc.

## Finding Full-Text:

Often the databases will provide citations but not the full-text on an article. When you have a citation and need to find the full-text, try the following steps.

- Select  if included with citation as a guide to full-text.
- If  is not available, search *Electronic journals* to see if a journal is full-text online (search by title of the journal NOT title of the article).
- Search the Library Catalog (**SHARC**) to see if a journal is located in our library.
- Request an article from interlibrary loan (ILL) if not full-text online or in the library. (use the Request forms on the library's home page)

## Finding Books:

- Search the Library Catalog (**SHARC**) by keyword, title, author or subject.
- The library catalog is shared by 4 other libraries. Use the request button at the top of the page to request a book from one of these other libraries (24-48 hour turn around).
- If a book is not available in the library catalog, you can request it through Interlibrary loan

## MLA Style for Citations:

Citations that you find in databases, such as the *MLA Bibliography*, *LION* and the library catalog are not formatted in the **MLA style** but should include the necessary elements. The library's web site has a tip sheet at:

<http://www.loyola.edu/library/ref/MLASTYLE.HTM>

See also: Hacker, Diana. *A Writer's Reference*. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Boston: St. Martin's, 2003.

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## Journal articles:

Citations include author of article, title of article, journal title, volume, issue number (if given), date and page numbers.

## MLA Bibliography Citation: Journal article



**Title of article**  
**Author of article**  
**Journal title**  
**Date**  
**Volume**  
**Pages**

[Religious Symbols in Salinger's Shorter Fiction](#) By: **Cotter**, James Finn; *Studies in Short Fiction*, 1978; 15: 121-32. (journal article)  
 [Linked Full Text](#)

## Same Citation in MLA Style: Journal article

Cotter, James Finn. "Religious Symbols in Salinger's Shorter Fiction." *Studies in Short Fiction* 15(1978): 121-32. MLA International Bibliography. 18 Jan. 2005. <http://search.epnet.com>

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**Essays in books** (also called chapters, book articles):

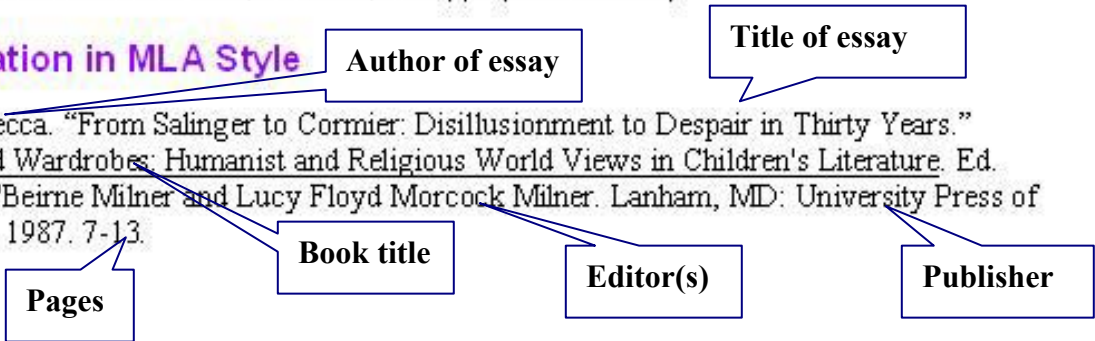
Citations include author of essay, title of essay, title of book, editor of book, edition (if given), place of publication, publisher, date published, page numbers.

**MLA Bibliography Citation**

From Salinger to Cormier: Disillusionment to Despair in Thirty Years By: Lukens, Rebecca; pp. 7-13 *IN*: Milner, Joseph O'Beirne (ed.); Milner, Lucy Floyd Morcock (ed.); Webs and Wardrobes: Humanist and Religious World Views in Children's Literature. Lanham, MD: UPs of America; 1987. x, 159 pp. (book article)

**Same Citation in MLA Style**

Lukens, Rebecca. "From Salinger to Cormier: Disillusionment to Despair in Thirty Years." Webs and Wardrobes: Humanist and Religious World Views in Children's Literature. Ed. Joseph O'Beirne Milner and Lucy Floyd Morcock Milner. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1987. 7-13.



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**Library Directory**

Books, call numbers A-K (Stacks)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Books, call numbers L-Z (Stacks)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Juvenile Collection (Children's Books)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Check-Out (Circulation)	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
Periodicals – Current	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
Periodicals – Older (Bound)	Lower Level
Media Services	Lower Level
Microforms	Lower Level
Reference	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
Reserves	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
Snack Lounge	Lower Level

**Library Hours**

Monday – Thursday 8 am - 2 am  
 Friday 8 am - 7 pm  
 Saturday 8 am - 8:00 pm  
 Sunday 10 am - 2:00 am

**Reference Hours**

Monday – Thursday 8 am - 9:30 pm  
 Friday 8 am – 7 pm  
 Saturday 9 am – 8 pm  
 Sunday 10 am – 9:30 pm

**Questions?**

**Ask a Librarian!**

Call the Reference Desk at 410-617-6802  
 Come to the library during reference hours  
 Email us at [askemail@loyola.edu](mailto:askemail@loyola.edu)  
 Use the live chat via the library home page