

FILM CRITICISM AND REVIEWS

Finding Articles

To find articles on specific authors and their works, use the **DATABASES** (available from Library web page www.loyola.edu/library via English/Literature Resources or Databases by Title)

Film Criticism:

- **MLA Bibliography** References to sources on literature, language and film. (1963-pres.)
- **Project Muse** Full-text journals in literature, performing arts and other topics.
- **JSTOR** back issues of journals; some film coverage in film and literature journals.
- **Academic Search Premier:** general database that covers a variety of topics including film reviews, mostly for contemporary films
- **Expanded Academic Index:** another general database with some film coverage

Film Reviews:

- **New York Times (1999-present)** good for contemporary film reviews.
 - Use **more search options** to limit to citations and abstracts, reviews or specific dates.
- **New York Times (1851-1998)** for reviews of works published during this time period.
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- **Reader's Guide Retrospective (1890-1982) :** limit to date book was published
- **Academic Search Premier:** general database that covers a variety of topics including film reviews, mostly for contemporary films
- **Expanded Academic Index:** *another general database*

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.

- **ARTICLE LINKER** use this link if available in the database to help you find a journal article in another database, in the library catalog, or request it from another library.

If ArticleLinker is not available:

- Search *Electronic journals* (http://www.loyola.edu/library/ejournals_a.htm) 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 or book 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:

- **SHARC:** library catalog which has references to books by and about authors.
 - The library catalog is shared by 3 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 you can't find a book in the library catalog, you can request it through ILL
- **Reference Books** (located on the first floor of the library)
 - The Complete Film Dictionary. PN1993.45.K66 1989
 - Film Encyclopedia. PN1993.45.K34 1998
 - Film Review Annual. PN1995.F465 1981-Present
 - Film directors: a guide to their American films. PN1998 .P24
 - The International Encyclopedia of Film. . PN1993.45 .I5 1972
 - Magill's Survey of Cinema: Foreign Language Films PN1993.45 M34
 - Magill's Cinema Annual. PN1993.45 .M33
 - The New York Times Film Reviews PN1995 .N4
 - Variety Film Reviews. PN1995.V34 1907-Present

Useful Websites:

- [Internet Movie Database](http://www.imdb.com) (www.imdb.com) - A database of films and television shows with information on credits, production details, plot summaries, and reviews by professionals and readers.
- [Movie Review Query Engine](http://www.imdb.com) (www.imdb.com) Over 35,000 movie reviews
- **Yale University Film Studies:** (www.library.yale.edu/humanities/film) guide to conducting research in Film Studies at Yale University. It includes information about reference materials, internet sites and other special resources.