

Using the *Literature Resource Center*

The *Literature Resource Center* is a full-text resource offering biographical and bibliographical information on living and deceased worldwide authors and their works. It covers literary figures from all time periods and from all literary genres, such as fiction, non-fiction, poetry, drama, etc.

Although the initial search screen lets you do basic **Author Searches**, the **Advanced Search** (shown here) enables users to do searches using a variety of criteria.

For example, if you are interested in gender roles in *David Copperfield*, you can search on “Charles Dickens,” then “David Copperfield,” and then “gender.” You could even broaden the search by replacing gender with “gender or sex.”

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Search' page of the Literature Resource Center. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for HOME, Title Search, Keyword Search, Authors by Type, Advanced Search (which is selected), Literary-Historical Timeline, MLA International Bibliography, Authors on the Highway, Encyclopedia of Literature, and Gale. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Literature Resource Center' and 'Advanced Search'. The main content area prompts the user to 'Enter search term(s) and select index type. Indicate choice of Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT)'. There are three search input fields, each with a dropdown menu for the index type and a dropdown for the Boolean operator. The first field is set to 'Author-name contains' with 'AND' selected. The second field is set to 'Title--all words' with 'AND' selected. The third field is set to 'Keyword'. Below the search fields are 'Search' and 'Clear Form' buttons. A section titled 'Limit the current search (optional)' contains two dropdown menus: 'Document Type' and 'Database'. The 'Document Type' dropdown is set to '*All Types*' and the 'Database' dropdown is set to '*All Databases*'. Below these dropdowns are 'Search' and 'Clear Form' buttons.

Search Tips

- Although the default search screen is an Author Search, note that you can also click on other searches, including Title, Keyword, and Advanced.
- Refine your search with the Boolean search operators AND, OR, and NOT.
- Use the * or ? wildcards to replace multiple (*) or single (?) letters in a word.
- Use quotation marks around multiple words to search them as a phrase.
- See the “Help” for additional search tips and hints.

Search Results

- Your search results will be displayed in six tabbed Results pages: Biographies; Literary Criticism, Articles, & Work Overviews; Bibliographies; Additional Resources, Literary-Historical Timelines; and MLA International Bibliography.
- If there are no resources inside a category, the tab will be grayed out.
- While viewing a document, you can either print or email it to yourself. You may email only one document at a time. You can, however, save up to 50 documents in a Mark List for reading later by 1) checking the box next to the item in the Results listing and 2) clicking on “Update Mark List.” When finished, click on “View Mark List.” From within a document, click on “Mark this Document,” and that item will automatically be added to the Mark List.