Finding Literary Criticisms

When searching for literary criticism, these databases, linked under the heading Humanities and Literature on the database menu page, are especially useful: Bloom's Literary Reference Online, Contemporary Literature Criticism (Gale), eLibrary, JSTOR Journal Archive, Literary Reference Center (EBSCO), and Literature Resource Center (Gale).

- Navigate to the library homepage by clicking on the Library link at www.wcj.edu.

- Click on the Databases-Library Proxy Server link.
• Access the databases by entering your login information.
  o Username: Your last name (not case-sensitive)
  o Password: Your full date of birth (DDMMYYYY)
• Access literary databases under the Humanities and Literature heading.

• Bloom’s Literary Reference Online offers more than 20,000 critical essays and is a good place to start your research.
  Begin by typing the title of the literary work in the search box.
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- **Literature Resource Center (Gale)** is another database that contains thousands of literary essays. Instructions for using the “Advanced Search” screen appear below.

  o Enter the literary work’s title in the “Name of Work” field.
  o Enter the author’s name in the “Person-By or About” field.
  o Limit the content type by unchecking the “All” box and selecting the type of document you need for your research.
  o Click the “Search” button.

- Good luck with your research! If you need more help, call the WCJC Library at 979-532-6509, or send an email to wcjlibrary@wcjc.edu.