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English 103:Using Literature Resources

Below are some basic library resources used to locate criticism material in American Literature. Sample questions that will help acquaint you with these resources are also listed. These sample questions are general in nature and the primary purpose is to help you locate the materials and see what type of information is available.

1. To find entire books about your author and criticism about his/her works, search the **Online Catalog** under SUBJECT by using the drop down arrow next to the search box. Type in your author's name and the words CRITICISM AND INTERPRETATION. You will retrieve a list of books that are ABOUT that author.

Author selected _____

Are there any books about CRITICISM AND INTERPRETATION and your author? _____

If yes, select one of them and write the title and complete call number (shelving location)

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2. This guide provides a biographical description of the author, the writings of the author and a critical description of the author's writings. The entries are arranged alphabetically. Use Cumulative Index in Supplement VII to help you find the author you have selected.

Ref. PS 129 .A55 American Writers

Author selected _____

Is the author you selected listed? _____ If so, list volume and page number(s) _____

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3. This source features articles that have biographical details and critical commentary about authors. The critical evaluations were featured in other sources. Look in the **CUMULATIVE TITLE INDEX** to find a specific work. The volume number is listed in **bold** with the page numbers listed next to it (ex. **12** : 433-435 would be Volume 12 page 433-435). Sometimes a work is discussed in more than one volume and you can look in each volume.

Ref. PN 771.C59 Contemporary Literary Criticism

Author selected _____

Volume(s) and pages listed _____

Go to the particular volume that is listed and look at the whole article. How many different criticisms are excerpted about that person's work?

4. This source is similar to Contemporary Literary Criticism and features articles that have biographical details and critical commentary about authors. The critical evaluations were featured in other sources. Look in the **cumulative title index in the last volume** to find a specific work. The volume number is listed in **bold** with the page numbers listed next to it (ex. **12** : 433-435 would be Volume 12 page 433-435). Sometimes a work is discussed in more than one volume and you can look in each volume.

Ref. PN 3373.S386 Short Story Criticism

Author selected _____

Volume(s) and pages listed _____

Go to the particular volume that is listed and look at the whole article. How many different criticisms are excerpted about that person's work? _____

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