

## EBSCOhost Literary Reference Center: Another Source for Literary Criticism

Like **Literature Resource Center** that we discussed on the last tip sheet, **Literary Reference Center** is another database that you can use to search for articles of literary criticism. This database also contains only literary sources, but it requires a little more work to access the types of articles that you will need to use in your research paper.

To access this database, you can follow one of the following two options:

From the PTC Libraries homepage (<http://www.pulaskitech.edu/library>), click on **Databases by Subject**. Choose **Literature and Composition**, and then select the third option, **Literary Reference Center**.

OR

In Blackboard, go to the **PTC Libraries** link in your class list. Click on **Find Articles** and then **Databases by Subject**. Choose Literature and Composition, and then click on **Literary Reference Center**.

Unlike the other databases we have previously discussed, **Literary Reference Center** automatically opens to the Advanced Search screen. As we have seen, this will allow you to do a more focused search for criticism of a particular work by typing its title and author in separate search boxes.

Let's demonstrate how this database works by doing a search for the play **The Glass Menagerie** by **Tennessee Williams**.

- Type **Glass Menagerie** (articles at the beginning of titles are not necessary) in the first box and the author's last name, **Williams**, in the second box.
- Don't worry about selecting any of the options in the "Select a Field (optional)" boxes. A lot of these get very specific, and we want to make sure we do not leave out any good results by making our search too narrow.

This database lets you choose the types of documents you will retrieve by simply putting a check mark by the ones you want to find. Although there are several types to choose from, for this class you will only need to search for literary criticism, which can only be found in these three categories:

- Literary Criticism
- Reference Books
- Periodicals

To select only those options, click on the "Uncheck All" button above the document type list and then click on the boxes by the three types listed above.

- Click on the **Full Text** option under the "Limit your results" section located beneath the documents types, then click on the **Search** button.
- On your results screen, you will see tabs for each of the source types that we chose to search: **Literary Criticism**, **Reference Books**, and **Periodicals**. Click on a tab to see its list of articles.

Like the databases we covered in the previous tipsheets (**ProQuest** and **Literature Resource Center**), **Literary Reference Center** gives you the option of viewing some articles as PDF documents. Although PDF articles are easier to cite since they provide you with individual page numbers they do not include the article's citation information at the top of the page. You will need to click on the **Citation** link at the top of the PDF document to find the full citation information (not in MLA format).

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