

Using Gale Literature Resource Center to find Literary Criticism Articles

In the last tip sheet, we discussed finding literary criticism articles in the general multidisciplinary database **ProQuest**. However, the Library also provides a variety of subject specific databases. This tip sheet will show you how to use **Literature Resource Center**, one of the Library's databases that focuses on articles related to literature.

Just like with **ProQuest**, there are two different ways to access **Literature Resource Center**:

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

Literature Resource Center automatically opens to a Basic Search. This is a good method to use in this database because you can simply type in an author's name and it will automatically break down your results by work titles. To demonstrate, let's do a search for articles about the short story **A Rose for Emily** by **William Faulkner**.

- ❖ Type the author's name (last name, first name) in the search box.
- ❖ Select "**Person - By or About**" in the "**Search for words in**" option just below the search box.
- ❖ Click on the blue **Search** button.

This should take you to the results screen. On the left side of this screen you should see a yellow "**Search**" box which will help you narrow your search.

- ❖ Click on this drop box under "**Narrow results by**" to change it to "**Name of Work.**"
- ❖ By the "limit to" option, click on "100."
- ❖ Look for **A Rose for Emily** listed among the works mentioned in this yellow box, and then click on this title.
- ❖ You will then see six tabs that represent the different types of resources that are available within this database. For this class you will primarily want to focus on the first tab, **Literature Criticism**.

Like **ProQuest**, **Literature Resource Center** gives you the option of viewing some articles as PDF documents, which have the advantage of providing you with individual page numbers that can be useful when compiling your MLA citations.

- ❖ Click on either the "Full-Text" or "PDF page(s)" option to view the article in these formats.

If you open a "Full-Text" article, you will see the article's title at the top along with the author's (critic's) name and some source information. Complete source information for your citation can be found at the bottom of the article page by the phrase **Source Citation**. PDF articles in **Literature Resource Center** do not contain citation information at the top of the article like they do in **ProQuest**, so you will need to copy this information from the "Full-Text" view for your Works Cited page.

- Keep in mind that this citation is not in correct MLA format, so you will need to consult your handbook or MyCompLab for the latest MLA guidelines.

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Unlike **ProQuest**, you can also access an MP3 audio version of articles by clicking on the **Download MP3** in the **Tools** box on the Full Text view and selecting either Open to hear the file immediately or Save to save it to your computer.

When you are finished looking at a particular article, you can click on the **Back to Results** link located under the source tabs on the full text page to return to your list of articles.

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