## Gale Literary Sources

Create a clear path for research success. Gale Literary Sources brings together our well-known and trusted literary databases into a single digital space. By unifying your Gale literary databases in this cross-searchable environment, you are providing a more comprehensive view of the literary landscape to ensure that both students and faculty receive the most refined results in support of their research.

### Biographical Sources

- **Dictionary of Literary Biography**
  - Traces the development of canonical authors’ literary contributions and reputations through signed essays and biographical records from today’s most discerning scholars. Authors are viewed within the context of their peers, providing closer focus when defining their place in literature.

- **Something About the Author**
  - Examines the lives and works of young adult and children’s authors and illustrators. As the preeminent source for information on authors and literature for young people, this resource brings unique levels of detail that describe personal lives and careers.

### Primary Sources

- **LitFinder**
  - Includes thousands of original works, such as short stories, poems, plays, novels, speeches, and essays by noted literary, historical, and culturally significant figures as well as new or emerging authors.

- **eBooks on GVRL**
  - Gale’s literary eBook collections provide focused points of entry to any number of literary topics, but can also be included in our cross-search environment, adding even greater detail and focus to already robust search results.

### Contextual Reference

- **Modern Language Association (MLA) International Bibliography**
  - A key starting point for literary research, this resource provides a scholarly bibliography that can either be used on its own or as a component of Gale Literary Sources. Includes full-text results when cross searching with Gale’s Literature Resource Center or Dictionary of Literary Biography.

- ** Scribner Writers on GVRL**
  - Jay Parini, managing editor, brings together signed scholarly essays from around the academic world in this ongoing series that provides biographical detail and broad analysis of authors, their careers, and their impact on the societies and eras in which they live or lived.

- **Twayne’s Authors on GVRL**
  - This closed set of scholarly monographs support an advanced level of literary criticism to help students gain an understanding of writers’ lives, works, and ideas. While scholarly in nature, they are written in an approachable voice for the benefit of a broad range of readers.

### Criticism

- **Literature Criticism Online**
  - Supports the study of humanities at large with the most extensive curated compilation of literary criticism available. Will help to drive critical thinking through modern and historical views on authors and their works across time, region, and genre.

- **Literature Resource Center (LRC)**
  - Provides a comprehensive collection of peer-reviewed journals, reviews and criticism, contextual reference, and primary texts. This is a go-to resource for both foundational and advanced information on all things literary.

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Gale Literary Sources brings together all of Gale’s literary databases and literature eBook titles on GVRL into one seamlessly cross-searchable research and study environment. Whether your users are researching authors and their works, literary movements, or trying to find book reviews of bestsellers, they can access full-text literary works, journal articles, literature criticism and analysis, reviews, author biographies, and a rich collection of scholarly overviews.

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Changing the way researchers discover with integrated workflow tools and search capabilities. Help users explore and analyze content in entirely new ways with these tools.

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Aids content discovery across collections, drawing connections that simple search and retrieve cannot achieve—revealing related concepts and terms.

TERM FREQUENCY
Allows users to see the frequency of their search terms over time, which can suggest the importance of concepts during given periods.

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Extend the reach of your resources. Integrated G Suite for Education and Microsoft Office 365 tools enable users to easily share, save, and download content—including highlights and notes.

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Bookmarks URLs allow faculty to incorporate materials into the students’ workflows. They can be used in Learning Management Systems or in course syllabi to guide students to supplemental course materials.

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A STORIED HISTORY OF LITERATURE

Gale’s extensive online literary publishing program is built on over 50 years of continuous content creation and a 200 person-strong team of editors and researchers. Dating back to 1956, a time when the print world was thriving, the need for access to a broad range of critical analysis was growing. Our founder, Fred Ruffner, sought to expand Gale’s offerings to support this need in academic libraries. On the heels of its early success in directory publishing, Gale expanded into other subject areas. In the late 1970s, Gale began developing its storied literature program. This led to the creation of many biographical and critical series that now include Contemporary Authors, the Dictionary of Literary Biography Complete Online, and Gale’s Literature Criticism series. Since its inception, Gale’s literature program has focused on providing rich historical and cultural commentary—previously relegated to on-site examination in archival collections and academic research institutions—to everyday researchers.

As libraries rapidly evolve in the digital space, so does Gale’s literature program. The 2015 release of Gale Literary Sources provides researchers with a consolidated research experience. The addition of new features, such as the integration of G Suite for Education and Microsoft Office 365 and commonly used citation tools, help Gale embrace new technologies that support the researcher’s evolving workflow.

Gale Literary Sources is an unmatched research experience. Researchers at any level can find a starting point, search across a wide variety of materials and points in time, and discover new ways to analyze information. We invite you to explore the collection and learn how Gale Literary Sources can raise the level of research at your institution.

EXPLORE THE COLLECTIONS

DICTIONARY OF LITERARY BIOGRAPHY COMPLETE ONLINE

Presents a scholarly lens into the lives and works of the most influential literary figures through biographical and critical essays. Comprised of more than 420 volumes and over 164,000 pages, this collection makes it easy to search and retrieve essential information. This collection is often the biography of record for many international authors.

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Offers trusted and authoritative information covering a broad and representative range of authors and their works, including full-text critical and literary analysis on more than 160,000 authors from around the world and throughout all time periods. Content is current, comprehensive, and reliable to support interdisciplinary approaches to the humanities and nurturing critical thinking skills.

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- Literary analysis and commentary, biographies, topic and work overviews, reviews, news, primary sources, images, links to audio and interviews, and more.
- The ability to cross search complementary content, including Literature Criticism Online, Modern Language Association International Bibliography, Gale eBooks on GVRL, and more.

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Amplify researchers’ focus on authors, trends, events, and topics by cross searching with all literature collections, including titles available on GVRL. Optimized for search, discovery, and integration across your school or library’s educational programs, Gale eBooks on GVRL connects users to the most authoritative resources available—and a shorter pathway to get to them.

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Search original, scholar signed essays on the lives and works of authors from around the world and across all time periods. Entries include concise essays, citations, and biographical information that places authors and their works in personal and historical context.

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This collection is devoted to offering in-depth critical introductions to the lives and works of the world’s most studied authors. It provides insightful and original commentary on the history and influence of literary movements.

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This collection is a closed set. Although no new content will be published, this is a seminal part of the Gale Literary Sources collection and will continue to play a significant role in literary analysis.


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