

Literature Resource Center

What is Literature Resource Center?

Literature Resource Center is a database offering literary information including criticism, biographies, bibliographies, overviews and explanations of author's works, Web sites, periodical articles, compare and contrast pages, full-text versions of author's works, and reading lists.

How do I get to Literature Resource Center?

- Go to the Multnomah County Library Homework Center Web site:
www.multcolib.org/homework
- Scroll down and click on Writing and Literature.
- Type in your Multnomah County Library card number, and PIN number, and click on the Continue button (skip this step if you are at a Multnomah County Library location).

Searching Literature Resource Center

Below is the main search screen for Literature Resource Center

Currently searching *Literature Resource Center* with 1,079,127 documents.

Basic Search

Find :

Search for words in: Person - By or About Name of Work Keywords All Text

limit results:

to peer-reviewed publications

by publication date(s) All Dates Before On After Between

Day *Month* *Year* and
 Day *Month* *Year*

by publication century:
 21st Century A.D.
 20th Century A.D.
 19th Century A.D.

- You can select from a basic search (for example, Poe, Edgar Allan) or a Boolean search by clicking on **Advanced Search** (for example, Poe AND raven).

- You can also choose different search types by clicking on the buttons below the blank search box. Search for words in: Person – by or about, Name of Work, Keywords, All Text or search by the century in which the work was published.
- When you've typed your search terms, click the **Search** button in the next to the search box.
- The following screen shows search results.

The screenshot shows the Literature Resource Center interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Literature Resource Center' and 'Preferences | Change Databa'. Below that are various search options: 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Person Search', 'Works Search', and 'Gale Literary Index'. The search results are for 'Basic Search PZ (edgar allen poe)'. On the left, there's a search box with 'edgar allen poe' and a 'GO' button. Below it, there are options to narrow results by 'Subjects' and a limit of 25, 50, or 100. The main results area shows categories like 'Literature Criticism (1)', 'Biographies (5)', 'Topic & Work Overviews (4)', 'Reviews & News (1)', 'Primary Sources & Literary Works (5)', and 'Multimedia (1)'. The first result is '1. Edgar Allan Poe as a Major Influence upon Allen Ginsberg' by BURTON R. POLLIN, from 'The Mississippi Quarterly', 52.4 (Fall 1999) p535. There are links for 'Full-text with Graphics' and 'PDF page(s)'. A 'Tools' box on the right contains options like 'View PDF pages', 'Print Preview', 'E-mail', 'Download', 'Citation Tools', and a 'Translate' button.

- The computer sorts the articles by putting them into categories at the top. The categories include: Literary Criticism, Biographies, Topic & Work Overviews, Reviews & News, Primary Sources & Literary Works and Multimedia
- Click on the blue links to read the articles.
- For each article, you can read the title, the name of source it came from, the author, and the date at the bottom of the page.

Printing/Emailing an Article

When you are reading the full text of an article, you will see a box like the one below.

Title: **Edgar Allan Poe as a Major Influence upon Allen Ginsberg**

Author(s): [BURTON R. POLLIN](#)

Source: [The Mississippi Quarterly](#). 52.4 (Fall 1999): p535.

Document Type: Article

Bookmark: [Bookmark this Document](#)

The 'Tools' box contains several options: 'View PDF pages', 'Print Preview', 'E-mail', 'Download', 'Citation Tools', a language dropdown menu set to 'Spanish', and a 'Translate' button.

Part 1. Introduction

ALLEN GINSBERG (1926-1997) HAD GREAT AND WIDESPREAD influence in the nineteen fifties to To email the article to yourself, click "email" and then type your full email address in the first box. After choosing plain text or html, click **Send**.

- To print the article, click on the **Print Preview** button. It will bring up a plain-text version of the article that you can print from your browser.

- There is also an Gale Literary Index available. You can reach these resources by choosing them from the bar along the top of the page.



The Encyclopedia of Literature is a good place to research literary terms, as well as authors.

- Click on **Dictionaries**
- Then choose **Merriam-Webster's Encyclopedia of Literature**
- Type your term and click **Search**

Dictionary Search

Enter a word or first letter.

Searching In:

Merriam-Webster's Encyclopedia of Literature®

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary®

Gale Literary Index has the following search options available:

Literary Index

Author Search
Find which Gale literature series include entries on an author.

Title Search
Search for the title of a literary work to see who wrote it and/or where it's discussed in Gale's literature criticism series.

Custom Search
Look for authors in the Index by name, birth date, death date, or nationality.

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