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Literature Resource Center

Use For: Finding literary criticism and background information.

Level: More advanced English speakers with some prior knowledge of literature.

The first screen is a basic search. You can use it to do a keyword search, or search for a specific work or author. This search can be narrowed by date/century and content type.

Currently searching *Literature Resource Center* with 1,537,961 documents.

Basic Search

Find : [   ] [Search] [Clear]

Search for words in: ○ Person - By or About ○ Name of Work ● Keywords ○ Entire Document

limit results:

☐ to peer-reviewed publications

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

by publication century:
None selected
21st Century A.D.
20th Century A.D.
19th Century A.D.

by content type: ☑ All

☑	Biographies	☑	Literature Criticism
☑	Multimedia	☑	Primary Sources & Literary Works
☑	Reviews & News	☑	Topic & Work Overviews

by publication title: [   ] Browse

Search in:
All electronic resources
Literature Resource Center

Hide Search Options

The main search page.

The Person Search can be used for finding all articles in the database related to an author. It has two functions.

1. Search for one specific author.
2. Use the search options to bring up a list of authors that fit the criteria. For example, you could do a search for 20th Century African American authors. This would be useful if you were searching for several authors that fit a theme.

Person Search

If you know the name of the person you're looking for, enter it here

[   ] [Search] [Clear]

OR use any combination of the options below to create a list of people who match your criteria

Gender: [*None selected* ⬍]

Nationality: *None selected*
Afghan
Albanian
Alexandrian

Ethnicity: *None selected*
African American
Arab American
Asian American

Occupation: [   ] Browse

Literary Movement: [   ] Browse

Genre: [   ] Browse

Subject/Theme: [   ] Browse

Place of Birth: [   ]

Place of Death: [   ]

Date of Birth: ⦿ All Dates ◯ Before ◯ On ◯ After ◯ Between

Date of Death: ⦿ All Dates ◯ Before ◯ On ◯ After ◯ Between

The Person Search

Names	Year of Birth	Year of Death	Nationality	
2Pac See **Shakur, Tupac**	1971	1996	American	
50 Cent	1976		American	
Aaron, Hank	1934		American	
Aaron, Henry (American baseball player) See **Aaron, Hank**	1934		American	
Aaron, Henry L. See **Aaron, Hank**	1934		American	
Aaron, Henry Louis See **Aaron, Hank**	1934		American	
Aaron, Quinton	1984		American	
Abani, Chris	1966		American	
Abani, Christopher See **Abani, Chris**	1966		American	
Abbott, Robert S.	1868	1940	American	

Example search results for a Person search.

The Works search is similar. You can search for one specific work, or find several works based on the options selected. For example, you could search for all works by an 20th century African American woman writer.

Work	Author	Type of Work
1959: A Novel (Novel)	Davis, Thulani	Novel
Adulthood (Giovanni, Nikki) (Poem) See **Adulthood (Poem)**	Giovanni, Nikki	Poem
Adulthood (Poem)	Giovanni, Nikki	Poem
Adulthood Rites (Novel)	Butler, Octavia E.	Novel
The Africa Cookbook: Taste of a Continent (Nonfiction work)	Harris, Jessica B.	Nonfiction work
African-American Inventors (Nonfiction work)	McKissack, Patricia; McKissack, Fredrick	Nonfiction work
Africans in America: America's Journey through Slavery (Nonfiction work)	Johnson, Charles (American novelist); Smith, Patricia (American journalist)	Nonfiction work
Afterimages (Lorde, Audre) (Poem) See **Afterimages (Poem)**	Lorde, Audre	Poem

Sample results for a Works search.

Clicking on one of the results will bring up a list of all articles related to that person or work. There are several categories.

Literature Criticism- Peer reviewed articles analyzing or commenting on the literature. Most of these articles are at an advanced reading level.

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Biographies- Information about the life of the author.
Topic and Work Overviews- Summaries of books and information about genres or themes.
Reviews and News- Contemporary reviews of a work.
Primary Sources- Interviews, commentary by the author, and other material.
Multimedia- Images and videos (often has few or no results)

Literature Criticism (12)	Biographies (4)	Topic & Work Overviews (2)	Reviews & News (2)	Primary Sources & Literary Works (1)	Multimedia (0)

limit to: ☐ with images   ☐ peer-reviewed   Sort b

☐ Mark All   ◄ Previous 1 Next ►

☐ Mark   **1. Octavia Butler and Virginia Hamilton: Black Women Writers and Science Fiction.** Gregory Jerome Hampton and Wanda M. Brooks.
English Journal 92.6 (July 2003): p70-74.
Rpt. in *Contemporary Literary Criticism Select*. Detroit: Gale. Word Count: 3364. From *Literature Resource Center*.
Full-text

The different categories can be accessed by clicking on the tabs.

Litfinder
Use for: Finding full-text works of novels, plays, and poetry.
Level: Depends on the reading level of the original work.

Litfinder is very similar to the Literature Resource Center, but the search results include full-text original works. To access the full-text, select the "Primary Sources and Literary Works" tab.
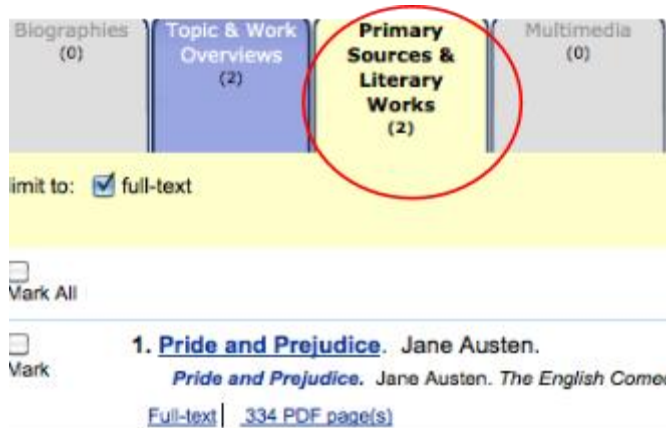
The "tools" menu within the work allows you to download the text as a pdf or mp3. You can also translate the work.
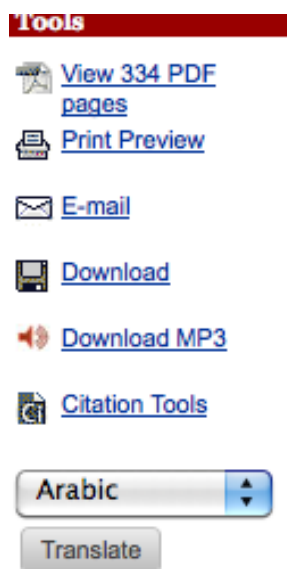
ELL Reference Center

Use For: Background information about literary works and authors.

Level: Beginning reader level, intended for English language learners and students.

On the front page you will see four categories. Choose "literature" under the image of a book.

Under literature, there are three topics: Author Biographies, Literary Terms, and Plot Summaries. Clicking on each brings up a list of terms, which link to brief articles. The articles provide general background information, and also include a short quiz.

[Bookflix](#)
Use For: Children's book club or story time.
Level: Picture books with basic reading level, good for elementary school age, books can be sorted by grade or reading level.

On the front page, you can select a topic. Clicking a topic brings up a list of book sets. Select the tabs on the side to see more books. Click "go" below any set takes you to the main page for that pair.
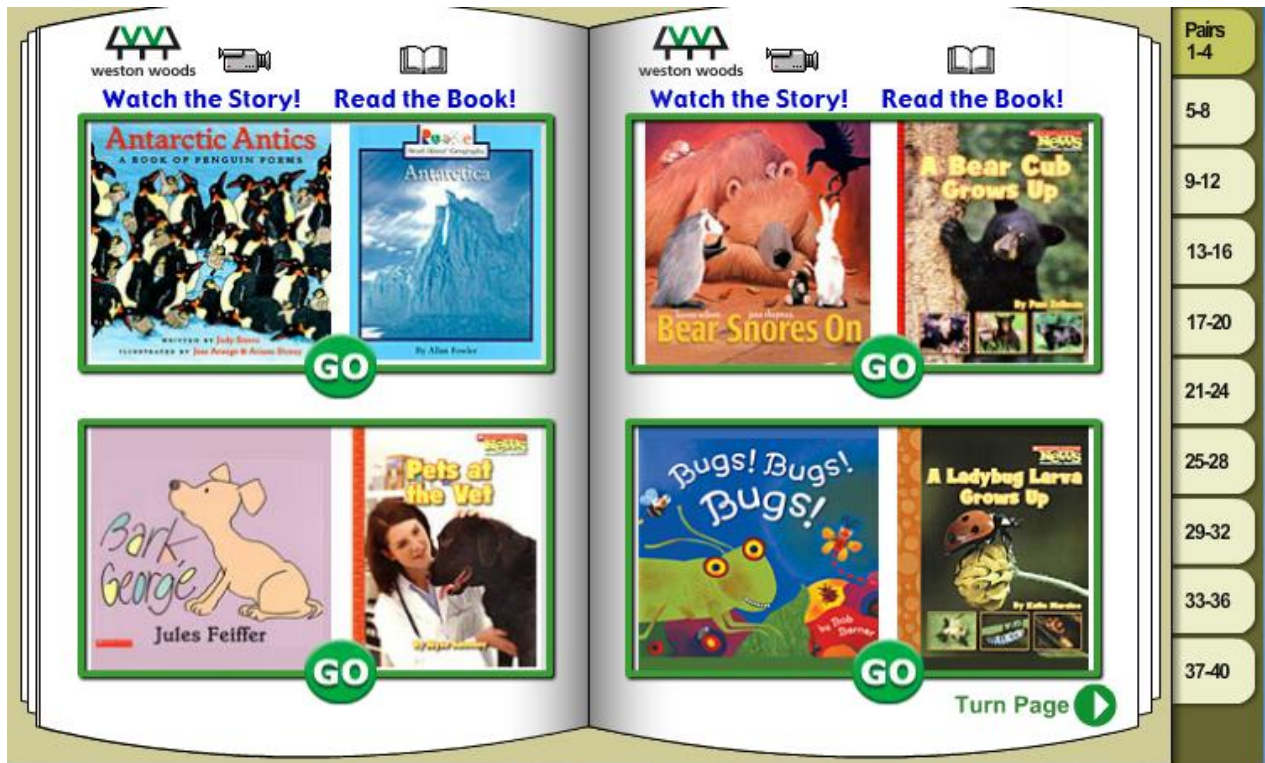
Each set includes several components:

1. Watch the story: An animated picture book read aloud by a narrator.
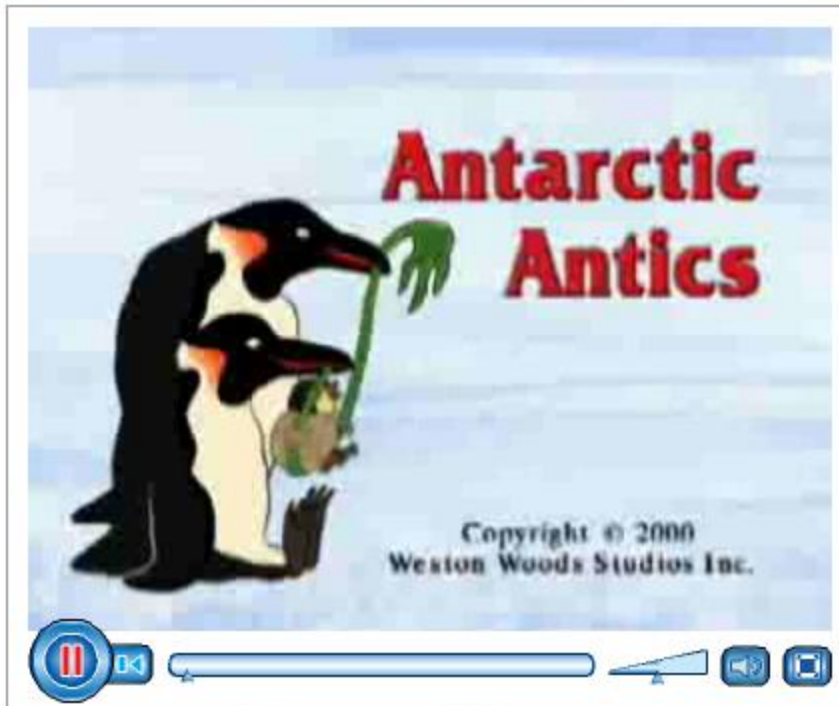
2. Read the Book: A nonfiction companion book to the story, can be read or listened to.

3. Puzzlers: Games and quizzes based on the books.

4. Meet the Author: A biography of the author.

5. Explore the Web: More resources related to the topic.

All of these features can be accessed using the tabs on the sidebar.

RESOURCES   BookFlix offers resources for planning lessons and activities around the books. The resources can be accessed by clicking the apple button at the top right of any page.

The main resources page also includes a list of books that can be sorted based on several options.

Search

Show All

📹 **Watch the Story!**   📖 **Read the Book!**

Sort by: ⬅   Sort by:

Story Title | Author | Illustrator | Spanish | Running Time   Book Title | Number of Pages
Category | Theme | Award Winners | Grade Level | Lexile | GRL   Spanish | Grade Level | Lexile | GRL

All the World   **Energy Is Everywhere**

Author: Liz Garton Scanlon   Pages: 27
Illustrator: Marla Frazee   Grade Level: PreK-3
Categories: Family and Community   Lexile: 50
Music and Rhyme   GRL: D
Themes: Home and Family   English
Poetry and Rhyme   Scholastic Reading Counts
Science and Nature
Awards: Caldecott Honor Book; ALA Notable Book; Bank
Street Best Book of the Year; New York Times Bestseller
Running Time: 8:26
Grade Level: PreK-3
Lexile: N/A
GRL: J
English
Scholastic Reading Counts

Use the sort options to find books based on different options.

Clicking the red "Search" button brings up a list of search options including reading level.

BookFLIX

☐ Show only those titles also available
in Spanish

Please select a category ⬍

Please select a theme ⬍

Please select a grade level ⬍

Please select a story Lexile range ⬍

Please select a running time range ⬍

To search enter an author, illustrator,
or title below.

GO

TrueFlix

Use for: Children's book club or story time.
Level: Elementary school age.

TrueFlix is very similar to BookFlix, but focuses on Scholastic's line of "True" books.

To browse the topics, use the buttons on the front page or sidebar. Clicking a topic link brings up images of available books. Click on a book to read it and watch the video.

Like BookFlix, you can read the book, watch a related video, and play games. Each book also includes a Project Idea. The project ideas could be used as activities at your book club. Navigate to each section using the link buttons on the sidebar.

Each book also has an associated lesson plan. These can be accessed by clicking Resources and Tools at the top right corner of the page.

Use For: Full text books in both English, Spanish, and Portuguese.
Level: The books in ebrary cover a wide range of reading levels.

On the front page, click on "Fiction and Poetry" under Arts and Leisure or "Language and Literature" under Schools and Studying.
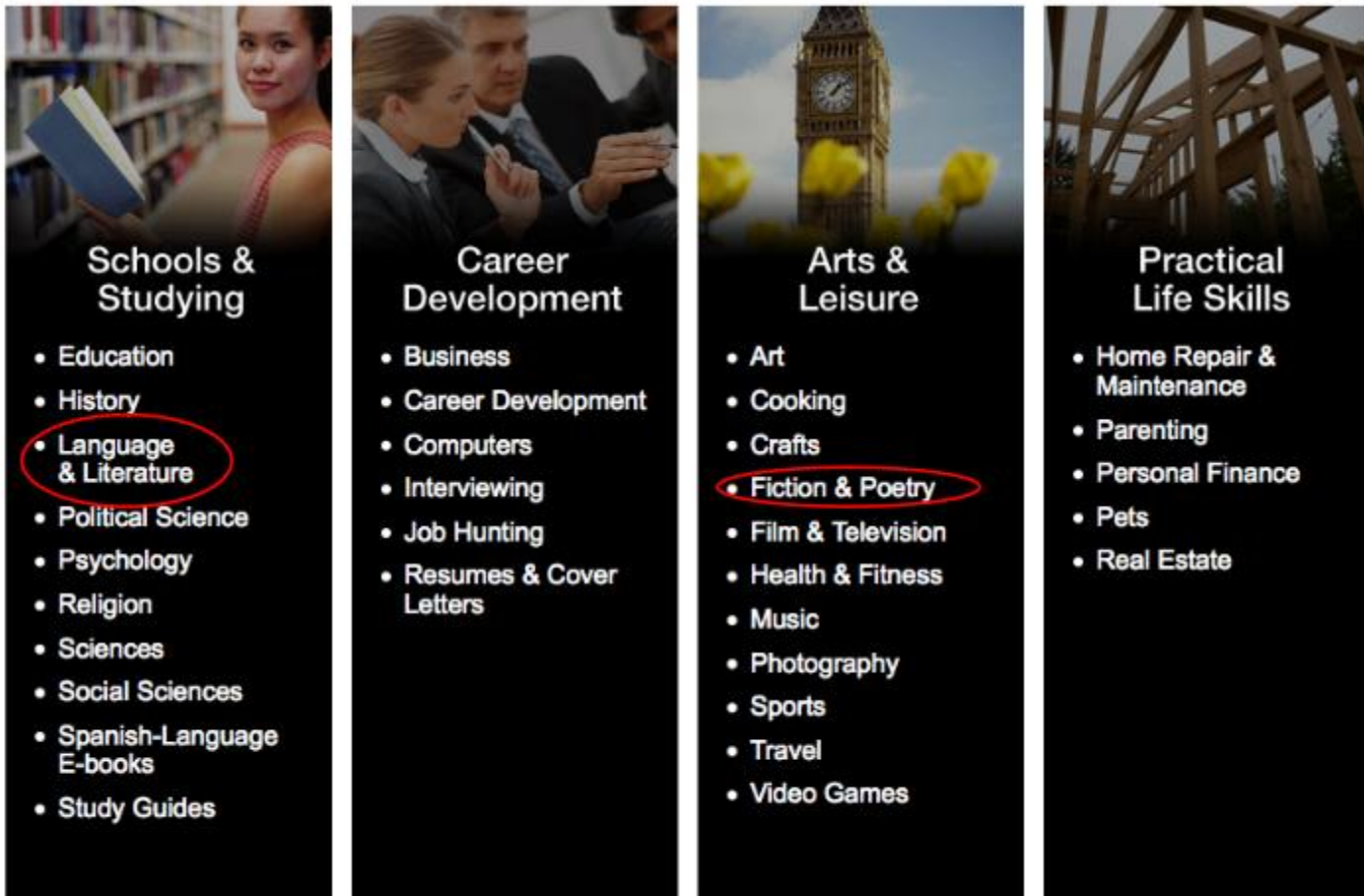
You can narrow the results by searching for a specific title or author, or searching for key words using the drop-down menu options.

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Click the "Search" button when you've finished describing your search.

Search in [Subject ▾] for [fiction OR poetry] ⊞ ⊟

... and in [Text and Key Fields ▾] for [ ] ⊞ ⊟

Helpful Articles

These articles can be found by going to the Library and Information Science Abstracts (LISTA) database on eLibrary USA and searching for the title.

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Elsayed, Amany M. "Arab Online Book Clubs: A Survey." IFLA Journal 36.3 (2010): 235-250. Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts with Full Text. Web.

Hall, Suzanne. "How I Learned To Run A Really Popular Book Club (And What I Learned About Its Effect On Students' Reading Skills And Attitude)." Teacher Librarian 35.1 (2007): 32-36. Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts with Full Text. Web.

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