Path to the Literary Criticism Resources

1. Open the North Library Catalog and use the title or the author's last name and the word critic* in a power search. You may find nonfiction (print) books with a collection of essays. Try eBooks (online) from EBSCO for nonfiction essays, etc.

2. Go to Library Website---Databases---Literary Index from the Gale Company. Choose---**title search**: *your title*---for example: *Story of an Hour* [choose-match all words entered] & author's last name on **author line**---for example: Chopin or *title search*: “Second Inaugural Address” & author: Lincoln

3. Review the Results---check against the handout of Gale Literary Criticism titles for print books that we own, and then use Literature Resource Center (described below in Step #4).

4. **Before going to shelf to find those titles, open database---**

   [Literature Resource Center]
   [Your results may provide articles & essays of literary criticism from the Gale Criticism books; these critical essays are compiled from other books, journals and biography, etc.]---Don't forget to check THE WALL for additional essays that are not included in the online format.

   **Remember: Print volumes have thematic indexes, which you can search manually!**

   Also, make note of titles from Gale Literary Criticism series which are starred. The full-text of these are available at the Gale Virtual Reference Center.

5. Try a few of our other databases---EBSCOhost Web---which also includes Literary Reference Center, JSTOR, ProQuest Online, and Power Library.
* **Hints--**

**At Home Use**
Use these databases from school or from home. Check with your librarians for @ home access information, including usernames & passwords.

**Search Suggestions**
Online resources allow for advanced search, search for full-text, and try various keywords related to your theme, topic, hypothesis, and question. Scan items before downloading, emailing or printing & don't forget to review indexes and TOC of select critical essay books found in the 800s section of the library.

**Printing Advice & Citation Advice:**
Click special icon in each database’s Toolbox for printing, and other options.

Choose MLA8 from the Databases’ Citation Maker
BUT check for accuracy.

Check-out these Citation Examples