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Indexes of Scholarly Journal Articles

- [MLA International Bibliography \[MLAIB\]](#): The standard resource for finding scholarly books, articles, and dissertations about literature and related subjects. Coverage 1926-present.
- [Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature \[ABELL\]](#): A good supplement to MLAIB, featuring more international content, more book citations and reviews, and coverage back to 1920.
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Full-Text Databases of Primary Works

- [Literature Online \(LION\)](#) contains a surprisingly complete collection of full-text poetry, prose, and drama for works in English from the 19th century and earlier. You can search within a particular author or title, or limit by date, gender, ethnicity, or literary movement.
- [Early English Books Online \(EEBO\)](#) contains bibliographic records, page images, and (in some cases) transcriptions of virtually every work printed in the UK from 1473-1700, literary or otherwise.
- [Eighteenth Century Collections Online \(ECCO\)](#) picks up where EEBO leaves off, containing "every significant English-language and foreign-language title printed in Great Britain" during the 18th century.
- [Google Book Search](#) allows you to search the contents of the rapidly growing number of books that Google has scanned from libraries and publishers. Choose "About this book" for abstract, table of contents, and related books and articles.
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Historical Newspapers and Journals

- [ProQuest Historical Newspapers](#): Use this database to find U.S. newspaper articles more than 20 years old. It contains full text of major papers (e.g. NY Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Chicago Tribune) from their initial dates of publication (as early as 1851).
- [The Times Digital Archive](#): Provides searchable full text content of the London Times from 1785-1985, including advertisements.

[Periodicals Index Online](#): Indexes the contents of thousands of scholarly and popular journals in the humanities and social sciences. Mostly 19th and 20th coverage.

[American Periodicals Series](#): Full text of 1000+ journals published in the U.S. from 1740-1900.

[Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature](#): Print subject index of popular 20th-c. magazines. Use it to find citations, then look up the magazines in Virgo to get the articles. **ALD REF AI3 .R48**

Current Periodicals

For criticism and reviews of very recent literature, drama, film, and television, search newspapers and popular magazines. Try [LexisNexis](#) or [Academic Search Complete](#).

Biographies

[Literature Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) includes full text articles from the Dictionary of Literary Biography and Contemporary Authors – terrific sources for author biographies.

Book Reviews

Book Review Digest (1905-1998): contains citations of book reviews, along with excerpts in many cases. **ALD REF Z1219 .C96**

Index to Book Reviews in the Humanities (1961-1990): citations only, with no excerpts. Harder to decipher than the BRD, but indexes a few sources that the other doesn't. **ALD REF Z1035 .A1 I63**

Other Resources

[WorldCat \(OCLC Online Union Catalog\)](#): Over 36 million records from libraries around the world including U.Va. You can use WorldCat to find items that our library doesn't own, and request them through Interlibrary Loan.

[Dissertations & Theses: Full Text](#): Indexes dissertations from 1861 to the present. Those published after 1997 can be downloaded in their entirety as PDF files. Older dissertations can be requested through Interlibrary Loan.

Gale Literature Criticism Series (Alderman Reference, PN section): multi-volume reference works covering various literary periods & genres. Organized by author, each entry contains a short essay followed by excerpts from secondary scholarship about that author.

Year's Work in English Studies. <http://ywes.oxfordjournals.org/>

Year's Work in Critical and Cultural Theory. <http://ywcct.oxfordjournals.org/>

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English Subject Guide: <http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/english>

Accessing Databases from Off Grounds: <http://www2.lib.virginia.edu/tools/offgrounds.html>

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