

LITERARY CRITICISM: Web Sources

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The Daytona State College Library provides a number of online databases that can assist students in conducting literary criticism research. These databases include full text articles of criticism from standard reference works as well as lists of additional articles and recommended websites. These databases can be accessed off campus via the Internet at the following URL address:

<http://www.DaytonaState.edu/library>

1. At the *Daytona State College Library Homepage*, click on the **Find a Book, E-book, or Article** link at the top of the screen.
2. The first thing you should do is log into the system. This will allow you to access e-books and full-text articles. Click on the login link in the upper right hand corner of the screen. Log in using your **Student ID as your Borrower ID** and the **last four digits of your Social Security Number** as your **PIN**.
3. At the top of the screen, click on **Databases by Subject**.
4. Click on the **Literature** category.
5. The two databases which will be most helpful to you are **Literary Reference Center Plus (EBSCO)** and **Literature Resources from Gale**. You should search both of these databases. Choose the database by clicking on the name.
6. Click **Connect to Database** on the next screen.
7. Type in the title of your work (short story, poem, etc.) in the **Search Box**. If you story has a common or one-word title, you might want to also include your author's name in the search.
8. Use the tabs at the top of the results list to narrow your search to biographical or critical articles about your author. These full text articles can be e-mailed, printed, or saved.

**If you have any questions or would like additional sources,
visit or phone Daytona State College Library's Research Assistance Desk
at 386.506.3518 to talk to a Faculty Librarian
OR College Writing Center at 386.506.3297 to talk to a Professional Writing Tutor.**

MLA style citation format for articles or essays retrieved from a library subscription database such as *Literary Reference Center Plus* or *Literature Resources from Gale*:

Reprinted from a scholarly journal article:

Author. "Title of Article." *Journal Title* Volume # (Year): Page numbers. *Name of Database*. Web. Day Month Year of access.

Neubauer, Carol. "Displacement and Autobiographical Style in Maya Angelou's Fiction." *Black American Literature Forum* 17.3 (2009): 139-53. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 21 Oct. 2009.

Reprinted from an essay in a book:

Author. "Title of Essay." *Book Title*. Ed. Name of Editor. City of publication: Publisher, Year published. Page numbers. *Name of Database*. Web. Day Month Year of access.

Franks, Jill. "Maya Angelou: Overview." *Contemporary Popular Writers*. Ed. Dave Mote. New York: St. James, 2007. n. pag. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 5 Sept. 2009.