

# Literature resources

Research authors and their works, movements of thought,  
or intersections of philosophy and literature.

## *What you can find:*

- Literature criticism from academic journals and books
- Biographies
- Overviews of topics and literary works
- Reviews and news
- Literary works (mostly poems, short stories, and plays) and other primary sources such as interviews

## *To connect to online literature resources:*

1. Go to <http://www.knoxlib.org>
2. Go to **Explore the collection** → **Subject guides**  
→ **Arts and literature**  
→ **Literature**
3. Look under the Databases tab

## *Tips:*

**Go broad to narrow.** If you are just beginning your study of a work or an author, begin with an overview from the *Scribner Writers Series*. You usually get a broad article of 10 to 25 pages. *Twayne's Authors Series* will give you chapters of books, for sharper focus. The Scribner and Twayne sets are also in the Gale Virtual Reference Library, where you can view them as books.

The **Salem Literature** database is another great place to start, especially for plot summaries.

### *Searching Gale Literary Sources:*

- **Advanced Search** helps you narrow the results you might get on an author. For example, if you want to zero in on articles that mention the philosophy of absurdism in the work of Edward Albee, enter his name with the Person-By or About field selected, and absurd\* with the Entire Document field selected. You'll retrieve fewer articles than searching by only Albee's name.
- In an advanced search, select the correct field from the field list. "Keywords" searches the title and author of the document, its abstract or first 100 words, and subject terms associated with it. "Entire Document" gives more results. Be aware of the various title and person fields.
- Search results are organized by content type, with additional limiters in the right column, so that you can easily begin with the kind of information you need.
- Look for **print** and **email** links for an article, or save articles in your Google Drive or OneDrive account.