Composition II: Library Instruction Outline

▸ **Topic**
Twentieth Century American Literature (i.e. T. S. Eliot, Ernest Hemingway and Robert Penn Warren)

▸ **Find an overview of your topic in Reference books, such as the ones listed below:**
[Note: FREE printing from Reference books at Information Desk]

  - *Ernest Hemingway A to Z: the essential reference to the life and work*  REF PS3515.E37 Z7484 1999
  - *The Oxford companion to twentieth-century literature in English*  REF PR471 .O94 1996
  - *Twentieth-century American literature*  REF PS221 .T834 1985

▸ **Search the STL Catalog for books on your topic**

  **BASIC search:**
  You can search by Title, Author, Word(s) Anywhere, and Subject

  To find criticism about an author, search him/her by Subject
  Example “subject begins with…” – Hemingway, Ernest

  **ADVANCED search:**
  The Advanced search allows you to combine search terms.
  You can also “Limit by Collection” to search by collections, such as the Reference Collection, Oversize, Media, and Juvenile Collection

▸ **Scholarly Journals vs. Popular Periodicals**

▸ **Use the library databases to locate journal, magazine and newspaper articles**

  *Go to the library’s website and click the Databases tab at the top of the page*

  **Academic Search Premier**- Multidisciplinary source for magazine, newspaper and journal articles
  (Limit your results: Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals)

  **Gale Literature Resource Center**- Full text literary criticism from books & journals, along with author biographical information
In the Advanced search feature, you may select the appropriate collection/s for full text articles from scholarly sources (Literature & Literature)

**MLA (EBSCO)** - The source for literary information from journals and books  
(Limit your results: Peer Reviewed)

**OneFile InfoTrac** - Multidisciplinary source for locating journal, magazine, and newspaper articles, some full-text  
(Limit the results: to peer-reviewed publications)

**Proquest** - Multidisciplinary database for finding information from scholarly literature, trade publications aimed at professional readers, and magazines or newspapers articles  
(Limit results to: Scholarly journals, including peer-reviewed)

**Find it (or SFX) and Find Journals tab (or Serial Solutions)**  
Tools to find full-text articles when the full-text is not available through the database you are currently searching

**Search the Library Catalog and Databases in one Single Search**

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