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**Online indexes (citations) and text databases:**

- Discipline-based:*  
*Literature Resource Center*  
*MLA Bibliography*  
*Academic Search Complete*  
*Wilson Select Plus*  
*Periodical Abstracts*

**Periodicals: a representative sample includes:**

- PMLA* ( Publications of the Modern Language Association of America) Electronic access via *Periodical Abstracts* 1994-2000; Electronic access via *EBSCO EJS* 2002-2006; Bound journals and microfilm-1884 to date.

*American Literature: A journal of literary history, criticism and bibliography.* Electronic access via *Academic Search Complete* - 1929 to present (Embargo: 1 year)

*Early American Literature.* Electronic access via *Academic Search Complete* - 1973 to present.

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*Comparative Literature.* Electronic access via *Academic Search Complete* – 1975 to present.

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### **Web-based sources (external: access via Internet):**

*A Glossary of Literary Terms* <http://www.virtualsalt.com/litterms.htm>.

*A Handbook of Rhetorical* <http://www.virtualsalt.com/rhetoric.htm>

*Literary Criticism Collection* provides links to online sources of biography, bibliography, and criticism about major authors and works written worldwide. The most comprehensive coverage is in American and British authors.  
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*Modern Language Association*- Founded in 1883, the Modern Language Association of America promotes the study and teaching of language and literature and provides opportunities for its members to share their scholarly findings and teaching experiences with colleagues and to discuss trends in the academy.  
<http://www.mla.org>

*American Literature Association*- founded in 1989- a coalition of societies devoted to the study of American authors. The primary purpose of the American Literature Association is the advancement of humanistic learning by encouraging the study of American authors and their works.  
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