



Contemporary Literary Criticism-Select

This database includes literary criticism about the works of contemporary authors, playwrights and poets (those who are still living or died after 1960). The content is specifically focused on readings/writers assigned to high school and college students.

How do I access this database?

- Click once on the word “CLIC” on the Chicopee Public Library homepage (www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org).
- Click once on the label “Literature”.
- Click once on “Contemporary Literary Criticism”.
- Log on using the CLIC username and password. (Check the “Homework Helper” bookmark, or see the librarian, if you forget the username and password).

How do I use this database?

When you log into the database, an author search pops up automatically. Simply type in the name of the author and click “search”.

You will see a list of articles that relate to your search. If you click on the title (blue text) you will be able to read the article. There will also be a “**biography link**” to the author the article is about. This link will contain valuable information including all the works by the author, as well as biographical information and criticism of that author’s works. The biography link may also include introductions or criticism of a specific work or works by the author.

Other searches

Subject Guide Search: Use this search to search by subjects such as death, happiness or sports.

Title Search: Use this to find literary criticism about a single title.

Advanced Search: Use this option to search by multiple search terms. For example, you could select a specific author and subject. For example, J. D. Salinger (author) and sports (subject).

Print or email options

Printing options are found at the end of the entry. The “acrobat” print will look like the original and is generally fewer pages than the unformatted “browser” print. You can also email the article to your own e-mail if you don’t want to print it.

Help

This database has a great help section (click “help-search”) or check with the reference/help desk at the library if you have questions.