

Home Page Help Sheet

Basic Searching

You can run a Basic Search from the *Literary Reference Center* Home Page.

1. On the Home Page, enter your search terms in the **Find** field and click **Search**.



2. *Literary Reference Center* displays a result list sorted by "source type"--for example, *Biographies*, *Literary Criticism*, *Masterplots*, etc. To view a different source type, click the appropriate tab.





Additional Features



Book Highlight

Literary Reference Center includes the full-text to over 1,000 books and reference works that are highlighted on a rotating basis. Of special interest is the *Understanding Literature* Series from Whitston Publishing, which contains hundreds of literary essays written by scholars from around the world exclusively for the *Literary Reference Center*.

Content Spotlight

The Content Spotlight feature highlights key content available within the *Literary Reference Center*, including the *Bloom* series of books from Chelsea House and the *Masterplots* series from Salem Press. Content is highlighted on a rotating basis.

Reference Shelf

The Reference Shelf area provides tools and guidance for the user when conducting literary research with *Literary Reference Center*. In addition to a Literary Historical Timeline, the Reference Shelf offers the *Merriam Webster's Encyclopedia of Literature*, the *American Heritage*® *Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition*, Citation Help and a Reference Guide.