

Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library Research Guide

A Short Guide to Using MLA International Bibliography

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MLA International Bibliography (commonly referred to as MLA Bibliography or MLA) is a subject-specific database that indexes information related to all aspects of literature and languages, including literary theory and criticism.

Because finding critical information about authors and their works requires unique search techniques, please refer to the guide below when using MLA Bibliography for this type of searching.

1.) Finding critical information about an author

1. Choose "Names as Subjects" from the blue menu bar at the top of the page.
2. Type an author's name in the "Browse for:" box. (e.g., Steinbeck, John)
3. Make sure the "Relevancy Ranked" radio button is selected and click "Browse."
4. Select the correct author and click "Search."

2.) Finding critical information about a literary work

1. From the search screen, find the drop down box with the default "Select a Field (optional)."
2. Scroll down and choose "SK Primary Subject Work."
3. In the box directly to the left type in the name of the literary work without leading articles. (e.g., Grapes of Wrath)
4. Click "Search."

3.) Narrowing down to literary criticism

(Add this search after an author or literary work search)

1. From the search screen, find the drop down box with the default "Select a Field (optional)."
2. Scroll down and choose "SU Subjects - All."
3. Type in "criticism."
4. Click "Search."

4.) Ordering ILL materials from MLA Bibliography

1. Click on the item's citation.
2. Scroll down and find "Request this item through InterLibrary Loan."
3. Click the "Request this item through InterLibrary Loan" link.
4. Fill out necessary information.
5. Click "Submit."