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***The Plague* by Albert Camus**

Your search for information on **Albert Camus** and ***The Plague*** can include books, periodical articles, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources.

Getting Background Information From Reference Books

Reference books are a good starting point for gathering background information about Albert Camus and his works. Because of the philosophical references made about Camus in the criticisms and interpretations of his works, it will also be helpful to examine reference materials in the philosophy subject areas.

Selected Reference Books

Albert Camus and his work *The Plague*

Contemporary Authors

REF PN771 .C6

Critical Survey of Long Fiction. 4th ed.

REF PN3451 .C75 2010

Encyclopedia of World Literature in the 20th Century. 3rd ed.

REF PN771 .E5 1999

French Novelists, 1930-1960. Dictionary of Literary Biography

REF PQ671 .F68 1988

Contemporary Literary Criticism

REF PN771 .C59

Cyclopedia of Literary Characters. Rev. ed.

REF PN44 .M3 1998

European Writers

REF PN 501 .E9 1983

Novels for Students

REF PN3385 .N68

Philosophy

The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy. 2nd ed.

REF B41 .C35 1999

Dictionary of Existentialism

REF B819 .D455 1999

Merriam-Webster's Encyclopedia of Literature

REF PN41 .M42 1995

Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy

REF B51 .R68 1998

Using the Online Book Catalog to Find More Books

Use the ***Library Catalog*** located on the Cerritos College ***Library Home Page*** to find books on your topic that are available in the Cerritos College Library.

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You may find books that provide a broad overview and others that give more in-depth information. Your research will most often be done using subject and/or keyword search techniques. Subject searches will bring more direct results, but keyword searches are best used when you are unfamiliar with the LC subject headings. Keyword searches allow you to use words that are associated with your topic. Try the following searches to find books about Albert Camus and his works:

Subject:

camus, albert
existentialism

Keyword:

camus and absurd
camus and criticism
camus and existentialism
camus and philosophy
camus and politics

Online Journal and Reference Articles

Journals and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic.

To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the ***Library Home Page***. Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

EBSCOhost
Project Muse

Gale Databases
Proquest Newspapers

For remote access to the library databases, login to the ***Library*** using your Cerritos College ID number.

See the ***Database Page*** or handout for a complete description of the Cerritos College Library online resources.

Internet Sites

The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. A few Internet sites that may be useful are listed here.

Existentialism and Albert Camus

<http://www.tameri.com/csw/exist/camus.asp>

IPL2 Literary Criticism Collection: Albert Camus

<http://www.ipl.org/div/litcrit>

(Search by authors last name.)

Little Blue Light World Literature, Poetry and Philosophy: Albert Camus

<http://www.littlebluelight.com>

(Search by author.)