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POETS AND POETRY

The reference books listed below can be used to gather biographical and critical information about poets and their works. Use these books, as well as *Gale Databases* on the web, as a starting point for your research. By using these sources you will become better acquainted with the poets and poems you are studying. You will then be ready to conduct more comprehensive literary research using the online catalog, journal and magazine indexes (both online and print), and authoritative Internet sites.

ABOUT THE POETS

Afro-American Poets Since 1955

REF PS153 .N5 A38 1985

American Poets, 1880-1945. Third Series

REF PS324 .A44 1987

Contemporary Poets

REF PR603 .C6 1996

Contemporary Women Poets

REF PS151 .C67 1998

Encyclopedia of American Poetry. The Nineteenth Century

REF PS316 .E63 1998

Greenwood Encyclopedia of American Poets and Poetry

REF PS303 .G74 2006

Twentieth-Century Spanish Poets

REF PQ6085 .T88

American Poets, 1880-1945

REF PS324 .A439 1986

American Poets Since World War II

REF PS323.5 .A5

Contemporary Poets of the English Language

REF Z2014 .P7 C63 1971

Critical Survey of Poetry. 2nd rev. edition.

REF PN1021 .C7 2003

Encyclopedia of American Poetry. The Twentieth Century

REF PS323.5 .E63 2001

Modern Spanish American Poets

REF PQ7082 .P7 M53

Walt Whitman: An Encyclopedia

REF PS3230 .W35 1998

ABOUT THE POEMS

The Explicator Cyclopedia

REF PR401 .E9

Poetry Explication

REF Z2014 .P7 K8 1980

Guide to American Poetry Explicator

REF Z1231 .P7 G85 1989

Poetry Criticism: Excerpts from Criticism of the Works of the Most Significant and Widely Studied Poets of World Literature

REF PN1010 .P499

Poetry for Students

REF PN1101 .P756

Guide to British Poetry Explicator

REF Z2014 .P7 M34 1991

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Books

Use the **Library Catalog** located on the Cerritos College **Library Home Page** to find **Poetry** books that are available in the Cerritos College Library. Poetry books can be by one poet or they can be anthologies with poems by many poets. There are also many books about poets and poetry that help you understand poems and their meaning. You can search for poetry books by *Author*, *Title*, *Subject*, or *Keyword*.

Poetry

American poetry
English poetry
Harlem Renaissance
Latin Americans poetry
Poetry, African Americans
Poetry-Collections
Poetry, Hispanic Americans
Poetry-History and criticism
Poetry, Modern
Spanish American poetry

Poets

African American poets
Poets, American
Poets, American-19th century-Biography
Poets, American-20th century-Biography
Poets, English
Poets, Latin American
Poets, Spanish American
Women Poets

You can also search by *Author* or *Subject* using a **specific poet's name**. For example:

Angelou, Maya
Frost, Robert
Ginsberg, Allen

Hughes, Langston
Plath, Sylvia
Poe, Edgar Allan

Newspaper and Magazine Article

Journals and magazines usually provide the most current information on poets and their poetry. 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. To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. They are available via the **Library Home Page**. Use subject headings similar to those used to locate books. For remote access to the library databases, login to the **Library** using your Cerritos College ID number.

Gale Databases
EBSCOhost
Project Muse

Ethnic News Watch
Gender Watch

Internet Resources

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:

The Academy of American Poets
<http://www.poets.org>

LibrarySpot – Literary Criticism
<http://www.libraryspot.com/features/litcritfeature.htm>

Electronic Poetry Center
<http://epc.buffalo.edu>

Modern American Poetry
<http://www.english.uiuc.edu/maps/index.htm>

Famous Poets and Poems
<http://famouspoetsandpoems.com/>

