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SHAKESPEARE AND HIS TIMES

Your search for information on **Shakespeare and His Times** can include books, periodical articles, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources.

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.

Shakespeare, William (s) – subdivided by numerous specific topics such as biography, criticism and interpretation, contemporary England, ethics, political and social views, etc. as well as the titles of individual plays.

Elizabethan England (kw)

Great Britain – social life and customs (s)

Selected Reference Books

Reference books are a good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with your topic. Listed below are some reference books that may be useful in your research.

A complete concordance or verbal index to words, phrases, and passages in the dramatic works of Shakespeare with a supplementary concordance to the poems. REF PR2892 .B34 1972	Shakespeare for students: critical interpretations of As You Like It, Hamlet, Julius Caesar, Macbeth, The Merchant of Venice, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Othello, and Romeo and Juliet. REF PR2987 .S47 1992 v.1-3
Shakespeare a to z: the essential reference to his plays, his poems, his life and times and more. REF PR2892 .B69 1990	Greenwood Companion to Shakespeare: a comprehensive guide for students. REF PR2976 .G739 2005 v.1-4
The reader's encyclopedia of Shakespeare. REF PR2892 .C3	Longman guide to Shakespeare quotations. REF PR2892 .G7 1985
Dictionary of Shakespeare. REF PR2892 .M398 2000	Oxford Companion to Shakespeare. REF PR2892 .O94 2001
Coined by Shakespeare: words and meanings first used by the bard. REF PR2892 .M4 1998	All Things Shakespeare: an encyclopedia of Shakespeare's world. REF PR2892 .O56 2002 v.1-2
Shakespeare's bawdy: a literary and psychological essay and a comprehensive glossary. REF PR2982 .P27 1969	Shakespeare's world and work: an encyclopedia for students. REF PR2892 .S56 2001 v.1-3
Critical companion to William Shakespeare: a literary reference to his life and work REF PR2892 .B69 2005 v.1-2	William Shakespeare: a documentary volume. REF PR2893 .W55 2002
Barbs from the bard: Shakespearean insults with modern translations and notes. REF PR2892 .V56 2000	A Theatergoer's guide to Shakespeare's characters. REF PR2989 .F26 2004

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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
Gale**

**Project Muse: Basic Research Collection
Gale Literature Resource Center**

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.

For historical research, the Library also has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1985.

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.

Absolute Shakespeare

<http://www.absoluteshakespeare.com/>

The Elizabethan Costuming Page

<http://www.elizabethancostume.net/>

Mr. William Shakespeare and the Internet

<http://shakespeare.palomar.edu/>

Shakespeare Online

<http://shakespeare-online.com/>

Shakespeare Searched

<http://shakespeare.clusty.com/>

William Shakespeare: The Complete Works

<http://www.william-shakespeare.info/>

Shakespeare Illustrated

http://shakespeare.emory.edu/illustrated_introduction.cfm

Sixteenth Century Renaissance English Literature (1485-1603)

<http://www.luminarium.org/renlit/>

<http://books.google.com/books>

complete text of various editions of the plays, sonnets, etc.

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare

<http://the-tech.mit.edu/Shakespeare/works.html>

Life in Elizabethan England

<http://elizabethan.org/compendium/index.html>

Shakespeare at eNotes

<http://www.enotes.com/william-shakespeare/>

Shakespeare Resource Center

<http://www.bardweb.net/>

Welcome to William Shakespeare Literature

<http://www.shakespeare-literature.com>

Welcome to the Renaissance Faire

<http://www.renfaire.com/>