

Cerritos College Library

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SHORT STORY CRITICISM

As a literary critic, you will read and study a piece of literature and attempt to describe, analyze, justify, interpret, and evaluate it. The reference books listed below can be used to gather biographical and critical information about authors and their works. Use these books, as well as *Literature Resource Center*, as a starting point for your research.

About the Authors

American Novelists Since World War II

REFERENCE PS379 .A554

American Women Fiction Writers. Women Writers of English and Their Works

REFERENCE PS374 .W6 A455 1997

Chicano Writers

REFERENCE PS153 .M4 C485 1999

Cyclopedia of World Authors

REFERENCE PN451 .M36

Modern Latin-American Fiction Writers

REFERENCE PQ7082 .N7 M55 1992

Something About the Author

REFERENCE PN451 .S6

Multicultural Writers Since 1945

REFERENCE PN452 .M88 2004

501 Great Writers

REFERENCE PN451 .F58 2008

American Short-Story Writers Before 1880

REFERENCE PS374.S5 A397 1988

American Writers; A Collection of Literary Biographies

REFERENCE PS129 .A55

Contemporary Authors

REFERENCE PN771 .C6

Encyclopedia of World Biography

REFERENCE CT103 .E56 1998

World Authors

REFERENCE PN451 .W67

Twentieth Century Authors

REFERENCE PN771 .K86

Asian American Short Story Writers

REFERENCE PS153 .A84 A828 2003

American Ethnic Writers

REFERENCE PS153 .M56 A414 2009

About the Short Stories

American Short Fiction Criticism and Scholarship, 1959-1977

REFERENCE Z1231.F4 W4

Contemporary Literary Criticism

REFERENCE PN771.C59

Masterplots II. American Fiction Series

REFERENCE PN846 .M37 1986

Masterplots II. Women's Literature Series

REFERENCE PN471 .M37 1995

Moulton's Library of Literary Criticism of English and American Authors Through the Beginning of the Twentieth Century.

REFERENCE PR83 .M73 1966

The American Short Story; A Critical Survey

REFERENCE PS374.S5 V6

Critical Survey of Short Fiction

REFERENCE PN3321.C7 1993

Masterplots II. African American Literature Series

REFERENCE PS153 .N5 M2645 1994

Masterplots II. Short story series

REFERENCE PN3326 .M27 1986

Twentieth Century European Short Story: An Annotated Bibliography

REFERENCE Z5917.S5 M39 1989

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Short Stories for Students

REFERENCE PN3373 .S384

Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism

REFERENCE PN771 .T87

Modern American Literature

REFERENCE PS221 .M53 1999

Short Story Criticism

REFERENCE PN3373 .S56

Short Story Explicators

The Explicator Cyclopedia

REFERENCE PR401 .E9

Twentieth Century Short Story Explication : New Series ; With Checklists of Books and Journals Used

REFERENCE PN3373.S5 W35

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

Once you have done your background research you will be ready to conduct more comprehensive research using books, journals, magazines, newspapers and authoritative Internet sources.

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.

Newspaper and Magazine Articles

Journals and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazines 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 information. For historical research, the Library also has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1985.

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.

[Project Muse](#)

[Gale Databases](#)

[Gender Watch](#)

[Ethnic News Watch](#)

[Literature Resource Center](#)

[Salem Literature](#)

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.

Internet Public Library Literary Criticism Collection

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

Literary Resources on the Net

<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Lit/>

LibrarySpot – Literary Criticism

<http://www.libraryspot.com/features/litcritfeature.htm>

Voice of the Shuttle

<http://vos.ucsb.edu>

Literature: What Makes a Good Short Story?

<http://www.learner.org/exhibits/literature>

Voices from the Gaps: Women Writers of Color

<http://voices.cla.umn.edu/>