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## Tutorial

# **Literary Reference Center**



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Welcome to EBSCO's *Literary Reference Center* tutorial. *Literary Reference Center* is a comprehensive database that provides users with a broad spectrum of information on thousands of writers and their works across literary genres. In this tutorial, we will conduct a basic search, review some of the available browsing options, and explore the database's unique features.





Let's begin by conducting a search from the **Basic Search** screen. Enter your search term(s) in the **Find** field. Select the keyword, author, or title from the drop-down menu, and click **Search**.



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You can also browse *Literary Reference Center* content in other ways. The **Browse** box, on the left of the home screen, allows you to browse most studied works and authors, as well as full-text classics.

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Click **Most Studied Authors** in the **Browse** box. From the Most Studied Authors screen, click on the tabs to browse authors by specific traits such as Country, Culture, Genre or Movement. You can peruse the categories alphabetically or type your search term(s) in the field provided and click the **Browse** button.

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For example, select the **Movement** tab. Type *realism* in the Find field and click the **Browse** button to display a list of Most Studied Authors from the Realism movement. Click an author name to view a detailed record that includes a biography, a list of principal works, discussion topics, and more.

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The Reference Shelf area on the home screen includes helpful resources for both students and teachers. For example, students can click **Citation Help** for information on citing sources or **Research Guide** for tips on writing a research paper. The **Curriculum Standards** link launches a module that allows teachers to browse specific benchmarks, many of which have recommended search strings for successful content retrieval.

#### Book Highlight







Critical Insights: Great Expectations by Goodheart, Eugene



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Critical Insights: John Steinbeck by Noble, Don



Critical Insights: Mark Twain by <u>Rasmussen, R. Kent</u>

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#### More than Meets the Wonka

Roald Dahl may most famously be known for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, but his life offered just as many curious plot twists as found throughout his works.



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#### The Nose



Nikolay Gogol's short story *The Nose* is a classic satirical tale of a 19th century St. Petersburg (Russia) city official who awakens one day to discover his nose is missing. As it turns out, the nose left in order to lead an independent life in civil service and attains a higher rank than its

former owner. The story's twist ending, however, causes the reader to question the very nature of absurdism and to what extent Gogol's (or any) narrator may be trusted. Click the link below to read the entire story.

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#### Miguel de Cervantes



Miguel de Cervantes (sur-VAHN-teez) never sought acclaim as a writer of fiction. He longed for the more popular success and financial rewards offered by the stage and hoped to gain a more prestigious literary reputation as a great poet, as evidenced by the time and

dedication he committed to his long derivative poem Viaje del Parnaso (1614; The Voyage to Parnassus, 1870). These ambitions were unrealized. In fact, he admits in the poem of 1614 that heaven never blessed him with the poetic gift. His efforts in the theater did not bring him success at the time but did produce some significant work. Cervantes contributed to the Spanish theater not only by writing plays but also by stirring critical debate.

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