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Tour takes about 8 minutes.
The show will run automatically, but you can also use the left and right arrows on your keyboard to move through the slides manually.
LITERATURE RESOURCES FROM GALE is a search environment that lets you search several of your library’s online literature databases at the same time, on a single web site designed specifically for literature research.
ONLINE LITERATURE DATABASES THAT YOUR LIBRARY MAY OFFER IN LITERATURE RESOURCES FROM GALE INCLUDE:

LITERATURE RESOURCE CENTER: THE MOST CURRENT, COMPREHENSIVE, AND RELIABLE ONLINE RESOURCE FOR RESEARCH ON LITERARY TOPICS, AUTHORS, AND THEIR WORKS. ...
LITFINDER, A LARGE COLLECTION OF POEMS, SHORT STORIES, PLAYS, SPEECHES, AND LITERARY ESSAYS.
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YOUR LIBRARY MAY ALSO HAVE CHOSEN TO INCLUDE A NUMBER OF EBOOK REFERENCE TITLES FROM THE GALE VIRTUAL REFERENCE LIBRARY.
In Literature Resources from Gale, you’ll find:

- **Literature Criticism** from academic journals and books
- **Biographies**
- **Topic and Work Overviews**
- **Literary Reviews and News**
- **Primary Sources and Literary Works**, including poems, short stories, and plays
- **Multimedia**—pictures of authors and links to reliable Web sites that offer interviews, readings, and more
- If your library subscribes to the **MLA International Bibliography** through Gale, you’ll find that included, too.
Say you’re writing a paper on Toni Morrison’s novel Beloved.

The easiest way to search is to type in Morrison and Beloved on the Basic Search screen.
Make sure the type of search you want is selected. “Keywords” searches the title and author of the document, its abstract or first 100 words, and subject terms associated with it. This choice will usually give you a good balance between precision and breadth of results.
“Person—By or about” or “Name of Work” will give you fewer results, but greater precision if you are focusing on a particular person or work.
“All text” searches the entire contents of each document. It will produce the most results but is less precise. “All text” is most useful when searching for quotations or on hard-to-find topics.
You also have a number of options to limit your search.
Select “Search” to launch your search.
Results display in “tabs” to help you find the type of information you need. The number of results in each tab displays below the tab label.
Select any tab that contains results to see the results in that tab.
The texts of literary works display in the Primary Sources & Literary Works tab.

This screen shows full-text works by Edgar Allan Poe from LitFinder.
If your library subscribes to the MLA International Bibliography through Gale, you’ll find results from that resource in the tab to the far right of the screen.
Subjects that appear frequently in your results display in the left sidebar. You can select these to narrow your search results to a more specific topic.
Other options to narrow your search may include:

- **Document Type**
- **Name of Work**
- **Publication Title** (in which the articles were published)
- **Person** (that articles are about), and
- **Author** (of articles).
You can also search within your results using the search box in the left sidebar.

Deselecting the “within these results” option will result in a new Keywords search on the terms entered in the sidebar.
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A laying on of hands: Toni Morrison and the materiality of Love

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It is almost impossible not to read Love, Toni Morrison's most recent novel, intertextually with Beloved, as Love/love, linguistically and thematically, are part of Beloved. While a dead baby's ghost may be at the center of Beloved, it is the depth of mother love and its manifestation that haunts the novel. Beloved challenges the reader to consider the ethics of love. Does love play by different rules at different times or in different situations? How do we ensure the safety of our beloved? Is it possible that Paul D is right—Sethe's love is too thick? Or does the novel ultimately redeem Sethe's position: "thin love ain't love at all" (Beloved
You can link to other search options from the search bar near the top of the screen.
Advanced Search helps you construct more targeted and precise searches.
Person Search is designed to create lists of individuals who fit a custom profile that you design.
Scroll down to see all options.
For instance, you could use the Ethnicity and Genre options to create a list of Hispanic American poets.

When you’ve completed your selections, select Search at the top or bottom of the screen.
A list of authors who match your search terms will display. Select any name to search on that person.

Use the Previous and Next links near the top of the page to see more names.
Works Search is similar to Person Search.

You can use options like Type of Work, Author, and Century to generate lists of works and link to materials on them.
If your library subscribes to the MLA International Bibliography through Gale, you can also use specialized options to search only the Bibliography.
In addition to a Basic Search, you can also search the MLA International Bibliography using Subject Guide or Advanced Search options.
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