

How to Use the Literary Criticism Books

Which Literary Criticism do I use?

To know which Literary Criticism to use, you need to know the author's death.

CLC - if the author is still alive or died after Dec. 31, 1959

TCLC - if the author died between 1900 - 1959

NCLC - if the author died between 1800 - 1899

LC - if the author died between 1400 - 1799

C&MLC - if the author died before 1400

What are these books?

They include a brief biography of the author and then several critical essays written about that author. The essays are normally organized by which book the essay is about.

How do I find my author?

Once you know which criticism set he/she is in (TCLC, CLC, etc.), find the last volume in that set. In the back of every volume is a cumulative index.

How do I cite these essays?

Bad news - the cite is long

Good news - every essay is a separate source

You need:

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Essay." Title of Literary Criticism, Vol. #. Ed. Editor's first name last name. City that the criticism was published: Publishing company, Copyright year. Pages Used.

Note: if you do not have a name for the author, start with the essay title.

Here is an example based on the copy from the back of this page.

Tuttle, Lisa. "As Other Worlds Turn." Contemporary Literary Criticisms, Vol. 27. Ed. Jean C. Stine. Detroit: Gale, 1984. 11.