



## English Research Database Orientation

- Database skills are useful in locating material that is generally not found through a search engine. They contain a variety of credible and updated information found in journals for research and educational purposes.
- Many of the databases contain the full-text of magazine and journal articles from publications that are also published in print.
- Books, reference sources, collections of art images, streaming video collections, and language tutorials are other types of content that are available thru databases.
- Databases are organized alphabetically and by subject.
- The alphabetical listing of databases is helpful if you already know the name of a specific database to use. Most of the time you will find it easier to explore the databases within a subject category that is related to the information you trying to locate.
- **Literary Criticism** is found in edited collections of criticism. To search enter the title of the short story, book, poem, or prose in the electronic book collections. To add a type of theme to your search type in the theme and the title of the selection you are researching (ex: survival "Hunger Games"); to search with the author's last name (Hansberry and "A Raisin in the Sun").
- **Conducting a Literary Criticism Search-** To locate literary criticism through an electronic database, click on the databases of your choice to begin searching. To search for a theme and a selection (jealousy AND "The Crucible") add the thematic element, the word AND before the title of the selection. Make sure the title of the selection is in quotation marks. One database will contain more critiques than others so it is important to extend your search between the various databases offered by the library. Databases may also duplicate articles. To avoid duplicate articles, try various synonyms or paraphrase to increase search results.

### Navigating the CBC Library Webpage:

To log-in to the databases use your last name and the last 4 digits of your social security number as your username and your student ID number as your password.

To access the databases (under the online resources tab)

URL: <http://lrc.coastalbend.edu/onlineresources>

Or (under the Research Guides)

URL: <http://lrc.coastalbend.edu/english>

### **English & Literary Criticism Resources:**

- Academic Video Online: Premium Video/Media Collection
- Academic Search Complete (EBSCOhost)-Full Text Resource
- Book Review Digest Plus (EBSCOhost)
- Essays & General Literature Index (EBSCOhost)
- JSTOR-Full-text Electronic Journal
- Literati Academic Access-Full-text Resource
- Literature Online-Full Text Resource
- Literature Resource Center (Gale)-Full Text Resource
- Play Index (EBSCOhost)
- Short Story Index (EBSCOhost)

### **Websites (Credible Sources)**

Author, Date of Publication

Avoid websites with excessive advertisements and pop-ups

.edu=an educational institution

.gov=governmental websites

.org=organizational website (check for credibility)

.com=(check for credibility)

.net=(check for credibility)

### **Book Sources:**

- Ebrary and EBSCOhost eBooks are subscription e-book collections.
- Current CBC faculty, staff and students may borrow books from the Grady C. Hogue LRC & Library located at the Beeville Campus. The catalog is available for searching. The catalog includes the print book collection, educational video collection, and electronic books from Beeville, Alice, Kingsville, and Pleasanton.
- Electronic Books: Students use their [CougarID](#) to access electronic books and faculty/staff use their email name and password.
- Inter-library is a method that the library uses to borrow books and request copies of articles from print journals from other libraries. This is available thru TexShare, a lending library.

**Citations:**

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