

**A SELECTIVE LIST OF BEST INTERNET SITES
ON
AMERICAN LITERATURE**

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AMERICAN AND ENGLISH LITERATURE: THE CAMBRIDGE HISTORY OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE: <http://www.bartleby.com/cambridge/>

Considered the most important work of literary history and criticism ever published, the Cambridge History contains over 11,000 pages, with essay topics ranging from poetry, fiction, drama and essays to history, theology and political writing. The set encompasses a wide selection of writing, on even non-English works.

AMERICAN AND BRITISH LITERATURE INTERNET SITES:

<http://www.nypl.org/research/chss/grd/resguides/english/>

AMERICAN LITERATURE: TOP 20 SITES FOR RESEARCHERS AND STUDENTS:

http://www.top20directory.com/Top/Arts/Literature/World_Literature/American

AMERICAN AUTHORS ON THE WEB:

<http://www.lang.nagoya-u.ac.jp/~matsuoka/AmeLit.html#Authors>

Meticulous listing of web pages where one can find information about American Authors.

See also **GENERAL RESOURCES ON AMERICAN LITERATURE** at:

<http://www.lang.nagoya-u.ac.jp/~matsuoka/AmeLit-G.html>

AMERICAN WRITERS: Find information on American Writers and their Works and related videos; many of these videos and related lesson plans you can see for free.

<http://www.americanwriters.org/>

MIT LITERATURE GUIDE:

<http://libraries.mit.edu/guides/subjects/literature/>

LITERARY RESOURCES ON THE INTERNET:

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

PROJECT CROW:FOR AMERICAN LITERATURE

<http://www.millikin.edu/aci/crow/>

LITERARY CRITICISM ONLINE (INTERNET PUBLIC LIBRARY):

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

SPARKNOTES.COM. Literature study guides. Indexes a long list of classics including novels, plays, etc. by Title and by Author. Study guides written by over 100 students and recent graduates from Harvard.<http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/>

LITERARY AUTHOR INDEX: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca/utel/indexauthors.html>

MAJOR WORKS OF LITERATURE ONLINE:

<http://www.library.utoronto.ca/utel/works.html>

AMERICAN LITERATURE WEB SITE: <http://www.wsu.edu/~campbelld/amlit/>

AMERICAN AUTHORS LITERARY CRITICISM OF:

<http://www.wsu.edu/~campbelld/amlit/auffram.html>

LITERARY MOVEMENTS IN AMERICAN LITERATURE:

<http://www.wsu.edu/~campbelld/amlit/litfram.html>

OUTLINE OF AMERICAN LITERATURE: (FREE)

<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/oal/oaltoc.htm>

USA LITERATURE IN BRIEF: (FREE BOOKLET)

<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/literature-in-brief/>

FREE, ONLINE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE USA

http://info-pedia.americancorners.or.kr/ENG/index_eng.html

ARTS AND LITERATURE COLLECTIONS FROM THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S DIGITIZED GALLERY: ALL IN FULL TEXT: UNDERSTAND THE BACKGROUND OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH LITERATURE BY LOOKING THROUGH THESE RESOURCES

<http://digitalgallery.nypl.org/nypldigital/explore/dgexplore.cfm?topic=arts&x=9&y=6>

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS ON LINE CATALOG: <http://catalog.loc.gov/>

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: POETRY RESOURCES

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/lcpoetry/>

POETRY ONLINE RESOURCES FROM ALCOVE 9 (LIBRARY OF CONGRESS):

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/alcove9/literature/poetry.html>

Includes how to find literary criticism of individual poems, the American Verse Project, an Electronic Poetry Center and an Online Journal for Modern American Poetry, including syllabi from various universities on how they teach poetry in the classroom. A value packed site!

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH <http://www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/41>

Find information on Poets and Poetry

UNITED STATES POET LAUREATES: [United States Poets Laureate: A Guide to Online Resources](#)

Locate online resources related to U.S. poets laureate. Completed guides link to Library of Congress Web pages that include information on the poet laureate's life and work, as well as to external Web sites that feature biographical information, interviews, poems, audio, video, and other materials that highlight the activities of each poet.

RHYTHMS IN AMERICAN POETRY: A TEACHERS GUIDE FROM LEARNER.ORG:

<http://www.learner.org/amerpass/unit10/pdf/unit10ig.pdf> Another 5 Star Resource

FREE VIDEO**FREE BOOKS AND SCHOLARLY BOOKS OF LITERARY CRITICISM:**

AMERICAN STUDIES INFORMATION COMMUNITY: University of Virginia Library

<http://infocomm.lib.virginia.edu/amst/etexts.html>

and: <http://infocomm.lib.virginia.edu/amst/texts.html>

Digital Resources including full text of around 300 classical works and full image collections plus a directory of selected on line resources

E-TEXTS FROM the UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA: <http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/ebooks/>

SCHOLARY BOOKS FREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESS

<http://content.cdlib.org/escholarship/>

The eScholarship Editions collection includes almost 2000 free books from academic presses on a range of topics, including art, science, history, music, religion, and fiction. Extraordinary resource that lets you search, read, print full-texts of many high-quality scholarly books.

Subject Index available at: http://www.escholarship.org/editions/index_subjects.html

E-BOOKS: <http://www.bibliomania.com>

Includes 2000 Classic Texts and Study Guides to the most read Books

DIGITAL BOOK INDEX: <http://www.digitalbookindex.com/about.htm>

The Digital Book Index a database of over 80,000 fiction and nonfiction e-books from over 1,800 publishers. Many categories of books are listed, including reference, history, children's, and African American studies. One needs to register to use the service, but registration is absolutely free and takes just seconds.

ONLINE BOOKS: <http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/lists.html>

The Online Books Page is a searchable and browseable collection of over 25,000 English language works in various formats that are all free for personal, noncommercial use. One can search by Author and Title

THE TEXTBOOK REVOLUTION: <http://www.textbookrevolution.org>

Provides free online textbooks in many subject areas, an amazing site!

PROJECT GUTENBERG: 18,000 FREE EBOOKS. <http://www.gutenberg.org/>

These books can be downloaded for free

NEW DIGITIZED E-BOOK PROJECT: SCANNING OF THE ENTIRE BOOK

<http://demo.openlibrary.org> Click on Full Text and in the search box, type SISTER CARRIE to read the entire scanned book.

NEW DIGITIZED RESEARCH PROJECTS:

These projects allow anyone anywhere with Internet access to read manuscripts or any other digitized project for free.

The most important of these new resources is the **AMERICAN MEMORY PROJECT** from the **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**: a massive project digitizing works of literature, manuscripts, photographs, music, videos, and other cultural treasures, from baseball cards to movies.

DIGITIZED RESOURCES FROM THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS:

LOC: AMERICAN MEMORY: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse>

A listing of excellent resources for American Studies, by topic and by historical periods in various fields all digitized

Go to BROWSE – then go to LITERATURE

Look at ZORA NEALE HURSTON PLAYS THAT HAVE BEEN ALL DIGITIZED AND AVAILABLE FREE OVER THE INTERNET:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/znhhtml/znhhome.html>

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS EXPERIENCE: NEW INTERACTIVE, DIGITIZED EXHIBITS OF THE TREASURES OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS:

<http://www.loc.gov/experience/>

See the Gutenberg Bible and actually zoom in and read every page! This and other interactive exhibits are available absolutely free in this LOC website premiering April 12, 2008.

WRIGHT'S AMERICAN FICTION: <http://www.lettrs.indiana.edu/web/w/wright2/>

This is a collection of 19th century American fiction, as listed in Lyle Wright's bibliography *American Fiction, 1851-1875*. There are currently 2,887 volumes included (1,763 unedited, 1,124 fully edited and encoded) by 1,456 authors. All resources are full text format.

MAKING OF AMERICA: <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moa/>

Making of America (MOA) is a **free digital library of primary sources in American social history** primarily from the antebellum period through reconstruction.

The collection is particularly strong in the subject areas of education, psychology, American history, sociology, religion, and science and technology. and the history of New York City

The book collection currently contains approximately **10,000 books with 19th century imprints.**

For more details about the project, see **About MoA.** (<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moagr/about.html>)

SUBJECT BROWSING OF THE MAKING OF AMERICA IS AVAILABLE VIA THIS WEB SITE:

<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?page=browse;cc=moa;c=moa;key=subject>

DOCUMENTING THE AMERICAN SOUTH: SLAVE NARRATIVES, PLANTATION LIFE, SOUTHERN ECONOMY, <http://docsouth.unc.edu/>
PRIMARY RESOURCES FOR THE AMERICAN SOUTH

Documenting the American South (DocSouth) is a digital publishing initiative that provides Internet access to texts, images, and audio files related to southern history, literature, and culture. Currently DocSouth includes ten thematic collections of books, diaries, posters, artifacts, letters, oral history interviews, and songs. The **University Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill** sponsors *Documenting the American South*, and the texts and materials come primarily from its southern holdings. The UNC University Library is committed to the long-term availability of these collections and their online records.

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS FROM the NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY:

<http://www.nypl.org/digital/>

OPEN COURSEWARE: DISTANCE EDUCATION:

MIT'S OPEN COURSE SOFTWARE: FREE FULL ACCESS TO ONLINE COURSES AT MIT, THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. <http://ocw.mit.edu>

Includes links to Lecture Notes from Professors, Student Projects, Syllabus of each Course, Reading Assignments and tests. An amazing full-text resource!

MIT's LITERATURE: COURSES WITH SPECIALIZED RESOURCES:

<http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/Literature/index.htm>

OTHER DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSES worldwide for free at many other Universities may be found at: <http://ocwconsortium.org>

YALE UNIVERSITY: <http://open.yale.edu/courses>
Many courses available on English Literature and Poetry.

THESES AND DISSERTATION ACCESS IN FULL TEXT FORMAT FOR RESEARCHERS

Library of Congress Theses and Dissertations Resources

The Library of Congress has compiled an annotated list of theses and dissertations databases from around the world. Coverage includes the **Theses Canada Portal**, where you can search for theses and dissertations in the National Library of Canada.

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/alcove9/education/theses.html>

Digitized Research Studies, Theses and Specialized Studies:

DRUM: The Digital Repository of Maryland

<http://www.lib.umd.edu/drum>

Includes the free Full text online of theses and dissertations at the University of Maryland.

FULL TEXT ACCESS TO THE THESES AND DISSERTATIONS DONE AT THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY [MIT]

<http://dspace.mit.edu> Access to over 18,000 theses and dissertations, free and online..

BEST SEARCH TOOLS

ACADEMIC AND SCHOLAR SEARCH ENGINES and Sources

<http://whitepapers.virtualprivatelibrary.net/Scholar.pdf>

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: ALCOVE 9: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/alcove9/>

An Annotated List of Reference Websites

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS VIRTUAL REFERENCE SHELF:

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/virtualref.html>

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS ALCOVE 9: REFERENCE WORKS ONLINE:

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/alcove9/>

ALCOVE 9: See especially Literature in English:

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/alcove9/literature/literature.html>

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

<http://www.nypl.org/links/>

The best of the web in Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, Resources in various themes, digital collections, research libraries with links to search engines

MARVELOUS RESEARCH GUIDES AT NYPL:

<http://www.nypl.org/research/sibl/>

VOICE OF THE SHUTTLE: <http://vos.ucsb.edu/> A **FIVE STAR RESOURCE!**

One of the very best search engines for Humanities and Literature researchers and scholars.

MASTERKEY <http://masterkey.indexdata.com/>

MasterKey is a hosted service developed and maintained by Index Data.

The **MasterKey** hosted metasearch service is now, and will continue to be, freely usable for searching selected open content online resources and library catalogs. Commercial resources and additional catalogs can be added to the service using the fee-based version of MasterKey.

An amazing resource, as an example, type "AMERICAN LITERATURE" in the search engine and look at the results! **Another Hint:** Try Langston Hughes in this Search Engine

The Paris Review: <http://www.theparisreview.com/>

The Paris Review has been interviewing significant writers in-depth since 1953. This site indexes all of the interviews, and reproduces some in their entirety (e.g. Aldous Huxley, Doris Lessing, Allen Ginsberg).

FREE AND VALUABLE LESSON PLANS:

CURRIKI: Curriculum Guides and Lesson plans for hundreds of different topics: a great resource for educators and students and teachers! Funded in part by the US Department of Education: <http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Main/WebHome>

EDSITEment: <http://edsitement.neh.gov/>

The Best of the Humanities on the Web from the National Endowment of the Humanities in partnership with the National Trust for the Humanities, and the MCI Foundation. This educational partnership brings online humanities resources from some of the world's great museums, libraries, cultural institutions, and universities directly to your classroom.

RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS (from the U.S. CONSULATE, KRAKOW, Poland):

<http://krakow.usconsulate.gov/studyus/resources-for-teachers.html>

FREE VIDEOS: ANNENBERG FOUNDATION: FREE EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS ON DEMAND: <http://www.learner.org/channel/workshops/tml/workshop1/index.html>

An excellent site for Teaching Multi cultural literature; Includes videos, workshops, teaching strategies resources and students' work. See Frank McCourt for example discuss Angela's Ashes.

MERLOT: Multi Media Educational Resources for Learning and Online Teaching.

<http://www.merlot.org/Home.po>

Resources submitted by professional educators from a variety of institutions. Look up the what's new section for the latest educational resources: <http://www.merlot.org/home/WhatsNew.po>

INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION PROGRAMS RESOURCES**Study of the U.S. Programs Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs**

<http://www.exchanges.state.gov/education/amstudy/infosheet.pdf>

A succinct overview of the Branch and its programs, including examples of recent scholarship in American Studies, including literature.

STUDENT CORNER: BRIEF OUTLINES OF AMERICAN LITERATURE:

<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/students/>

Contains electronic journals, and outlines of American Literature and American History.

STUDY OF THE U.S. BRANCH: BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

<http://www.exchanges.state.gov/education/amstudy/publications.htm>

The study of the U.S. Branch develops programs such as the Study of the U.S. Institutes and the Current in American Scholarship series, as well as other projects that support the study of the United States abroad. It also promotes Literature covering current trends in the study of the history, society, culture and institutions of the United States.

PUBLICATIONS:

<http://www.exchanges.state.gov/education/amstudy/publications.htm>

Publications on current trends in American literary scholarship.

The African-American Reader:

<http://www.exchanges.state.gov/education/amstudy/AAReader.pdf>

An anthology of essays on African-American history, culture, and society for advanced students, teachers, and scholars

“Currents in American Scholarship” SERIES: Publications

Title: Philosophy in the United States

http://www.exchanges.state.gov/education/amstudy/currents/01_2005.pdf

Title: The Study of American Politics

http://www.exchanges.state.gov/education/amstudy/currents/12_2004.pdf

Title: New Directions in American Literary Scholarship 1980-2002

http://www.exchanges.state.gov/education/amstudy/currents/american_literary_scholarship.pdf

Title: Twentieth Century United States History

<http://www.exchanges.state.gov/education/amstudy/currents/history.pdf>

Title: American Studies Bibliography

<http://www.exchanges.state.gov/education/amstudy/currents/AmBibliography.pdf>

Title: American Religious History

<http://www.exchanges.state.gov/education/amstudy/currents/ReligionCAS.pdf>

E-JOURNALS AND DATABASES:

ELECTRONIC JOURNALS AND OTHER WEB BASED RESOURCES

CATEGORIZED BY SUBJECT AREA: <http://ejw.i8.com/>

ELECTRONIC E-JOURNALS on LITERATURE: <http://ejw.i8.com/lite-j.htm>

FREE SCHOLARLY ARTICLES FROM THE DIRECTORY OF OPEN ACCESS

JOURNALS: <http://www.doaj.org> A valuable free database to find full free-text articles.

Covers over 3000 journals in all disciplines and that number is growing yearly!

Electronic Journals From USINFO: <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/journals.htm>

Arabic Language Editions of Electronic Journals, USINFO:

<http://usinfo.state.gov/ar/Home/products/eJournalUSA.html>

NEW DATABASES:

NOTE: JSTOR DATABASE and PROJECT MUSE ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT the CAIRO IRC FOR RESEARCHERS & VISITORS ONLY AT THE CAIRO

IRC; JSTOR a database for over 950,000 (and growing), **full text articles** from thousands of magazines or journals. These go back, in some cases, to the 1900's.

PROJECT MUSE is a new database for hundreds of current research journals and is available free for you to search at the CAIRO IRC.

SEE ALSO THE CAIRO UNIV TOOLS FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN THE IRC CAIRO WIKIPEDIA for other related resources, including Free Online Books and Free Videos: <http://irosteveperry.pbwiki.com/irosteveperry>

SEE ALSO A BLOG CREATED BY THE CAIRO IRC on AMERICAN LITERATURE
<http://cairoamlit.blogspot.com/>

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