

Mr. Adams Assignment: Dialog With An Author  
English 11A 2007-2008

The following resources are recommended as appropriate to your assignment "Dialog with an Author". They are all accessed via the *Virtual Library* tab on the [www.bergenfield.org](http://www.bergenfield.org) homepage. The resources are in no particular order. The annotations are brief, but hopefully enough to get you started and on your way to finding your best information. Remember, databases contain lots of different sources brought together in one place. They have been reviewed and vetted for academic use and validity, taking the burden of screening off your shoulders.

*Bloom's Literary Reference Online*. This database is part of the Facts on File suite of databases. To access it, click on *Facts on File* and scroll down until you see *Bloom's*. Search for your author. The results will appear under tabs for *All Results; Biographies; Overview and Synopses; Analysis and Criticism; Topics and Themes*.

A nice feature: you can create a folder to store articles that you think you might want to look at and/or print later. This folder is on the database itself so it can be accessed from any where you have *Internet* access, unlike your folder on the Bergenfield server. You will want to take advantage of this feature.  
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*Gale Literature Reference Center (LRC)*. When you click on LRC you will see the protocol page for all of the Gale products. Select *LRC* and then search your author. As with the above database, results will appear under tabs for *Biographies; Literary Criticism. Articles, and work Overviews* (when you click on this you will get the three individual folders); *Bibliographies; Additional Resources* (vetted websites); *Literary Historical Timeline*.

A nice feature: You will see a link for *Research Guide* at the top of the page. There is lots of good information contained here that pertains to "conducting literary research". You will want to review this link.

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*ProQuest Learning: Literature*. There is a direct link to this database, as well as one in the *ProQuest Portal* link. Search for your author using quick search. Results can be scrolled through or selected at the top of the page by *Authors; Literary Works; Reference; Multimedia; Criticism*.

A nice feature: You can create a folder in this database also. Click on "View My List" and you will find very easy directions. There are also many helpful tools tabbed on the left side of the page during a search.

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*EBSCOhost Web: Literary Reference Center*. Select EBSCOhost eb. The suite of databases will be displayed. Scroll down to *Literary Reference Center*. Search for your author. Results will be displayed under 11 tabs, more finitely than the other databases: *All Results; Biographies; Literary Criticism; Plot Summaries; Reviews; Interviews; reference Books; Full Text classics; Periodicals; Poems; Images*. (not all categories will apply to all authors)

Nice features: The folder works much like the one in the FoF database; you may search other EBSCO databases from here, but chances are anything that pertains to your author has been presented in your results.

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Please don't forget the academic search engine available to you. NetTrekker will yield vetted, websites approved by experts in the field of literary studies.

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One last resource that you may not be familiar with is our large collection of ebooks. There are several that may be helpful to you. These are gathered on the website under Gale eBook Virtual Reference. Titles available under literature are:

[Feminism in Literature: A Gale Critical Companion](#), 6v, 2005

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- [Literary Newsmakers for Students](#), Vol. 1, 2006
- [Literary Themes for Students: Race and Prejudice](#), 2v, 2007
- [Literary Themes for Students: The American Dream](#), 2v, 2007
- [Literary Themes for Students: War and Peace](#), 2v, 2006
- [Nonfiction Classics for Students: Presenting Analysis, Context, and Criticism on Nonfiction Works](#), 5v, 2003
- [Shakespeare for Students: Critical Interpretations of Shakespeare's Plays and Poetry](#), 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 3v, 2007

These are hyperlinks that will bring you directly to the volumes should you wish to take a look.

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