

ENG 4UI Novel Study—Locating Quality Secondary Sources

Here are some suggestions on how to find suitable secondary sources to your ISU novel. You will need to know what other experts and writers have published about your book. Ideally, these secondary sources should support your novel's themes and potential essay's thesis

A reliable place to find scholarly, peer-reviewed secondary sources is in the [Virtual Library](#). Here are three databases useful for senior-level analyses:

The screenshot shows the 'Virtual Library - Secondary' interface. It is organized into sections: eBooks (OverDrive, Infobase eBooks, Capstone interactive library), Databases (Gale Search, EBSCO Search, EBSCOhost Secondary, OurOntario, GALE Online Resources, explorA, EBSCOhost, NoveList Plus, NAXOS MUSIC LIBRARY), Encyclopedias (Britannica Middle, Britannica High, Canadian Encyclopedia, L'Encyclopédie Canadienne), and Teen Health & Wellness (CAN Points of View, TEEN HEALTH & WELLNESS, GOOT QUESTIONS? GET ANSWERS!). Callout boxes with arrows point to 'EBSCO Search EXPLORA', 'EBSCOhost Secondary', 'Gale Online Resources', and 'NoveList Plus'.

*Gale Online Resources → Select the Database, Literature Resource Center

This collection will not only provide the articles, reviews and materials, but will give you the MLA citation for your selections.



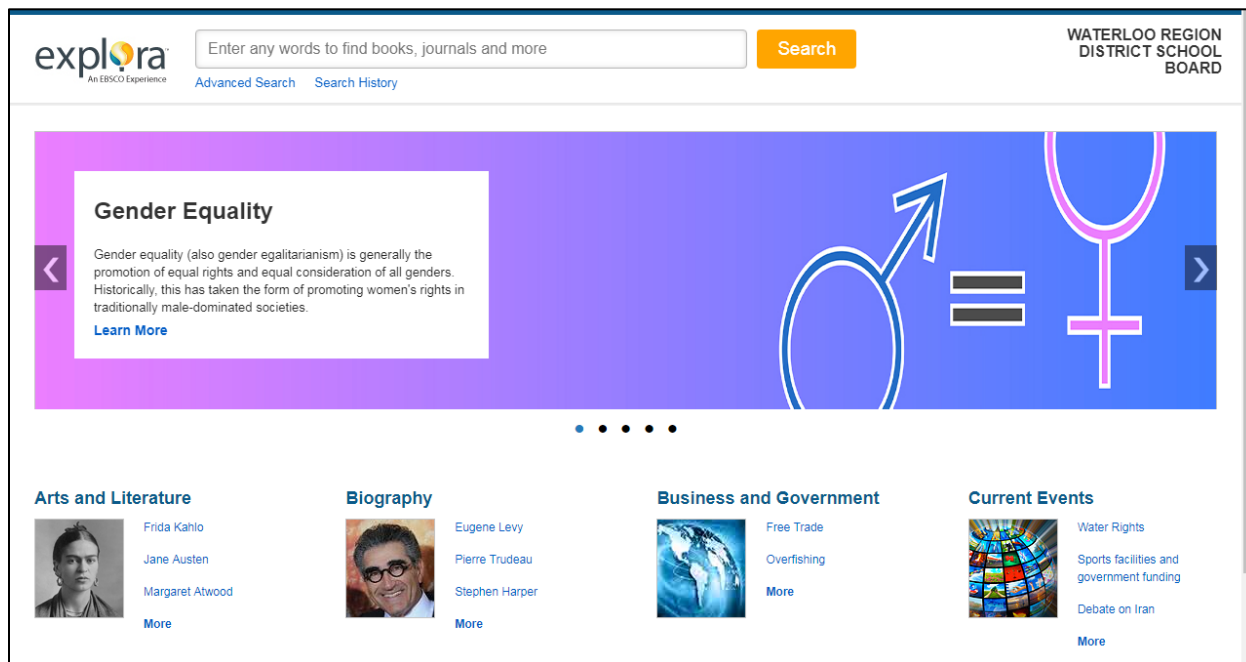
When looking for articles, place quotation marks around the book title and author's name as this will keep the words together in the search. Narrow your search to select Peer Reviewed Publications. When you find a desired article, you can add it to your Google Drive.

The screenshot shows the Gale Literature Resource Center homepage. It features a search bar at the top with options for 'Basic Search', 'Advanced', 'Bookmark', and 'More'. Below the search bar are navigation links for 'Gale Literary Index', 'Encyclopedia of Literature', 'Person Search', and 'Works Search'. The main content area is divided into two columns: 'Featured Author' and 'Featured Work'. The 'Featured Author' section highlights Ralph Waldo Emerson, a philosopher (1803-1882), with a portrait and a 'Full Biography' link. The 'Featured Work' section highlights Julius Caesar, a play by Shakespeare (1599), with a portrait and a 'Read more' link. At the bottom, there are search filters for 'Nature (Essay)' and 'Julius Caesar'.

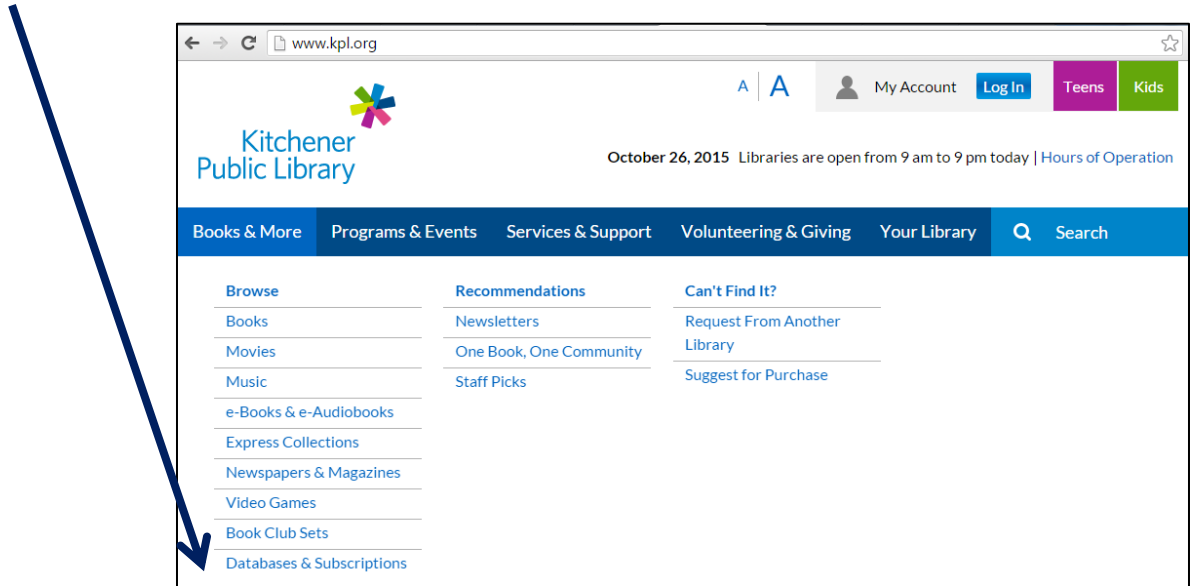
*EBSCOhost Secondary houses two excellent databases: Literary Reference Center Plus and Advanced Placement Source. You can add found articles to your Google Drive.



*EBSCO Search EXPLORA has many excellent features. Search the “Arts and Literature” collection for both author and novel details. Send your found articles to Google Drive.



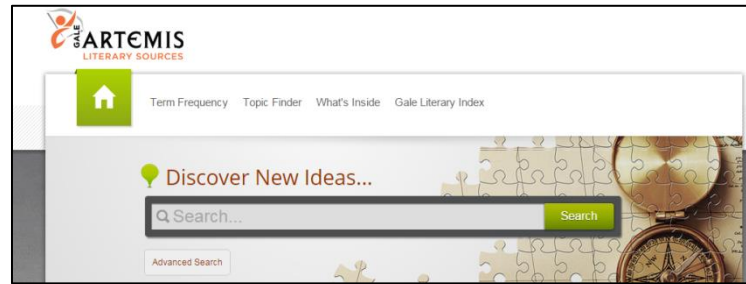
- Also, there are some excellent KPL databases you can use; you will need a KPL to access these sources. Go to <kpl.org> and select <Databases and Subscriptions> from the Books and More tab.



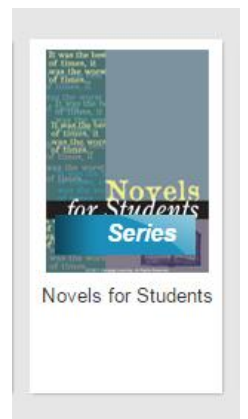
Scroll down the alphabetized list to find these collections:



ARTEMIS Literary Sources – search by placing quotation marks around the title of your book



GALE Virtual Reference Library—click on “Literature” in the side menu and scroll down to select “Novels for Students”. This excellent resource not only provides chapter summaries and character descriptions, but thematic analyses and criticisms. Type the title of your novel in the search bar. **The actual book-in-hand encyclopedia set is available to you as well.**



Magill On Literature Plus—an excellent database for fiction studies.