Checklist of LAMP’S Information Resources to Use
For LITERARY CRITICISM about an AUTHOR and/or an AUTHOR’s WORK

- **The following “information source” types** – with, in some cases, specific RCC Library LAMP databases indicated as key examples of a given source type – are listed in an order that might be most helpful to follow when doing research related to literary criticism. In other words, start with **REFERENCE RESOURCES ONLINE** – such as, the Literary Reference Center; then check **REFERENCE BOOKS** (hardcopy in the RCC Library Reference Collection); then check for **BOOKS**; etc.

- Additionally, it might be best to use one of these checklists **for each author or specific author’s work** about which you are doing research. Accordingly, if you are researching two authors, you would log your research, as it were, using **one of these checklists for one author**; then use **another of these checklists to log your research for the other author**; etc.

- For detailed instructions about using these information-source types and the specific examples cited, see the other guides (also in RTF format) posted @ [http://researchguides.rcc.edu/c.php?g=681299](http://researchguides.rcc.edu/c.php?g=681299).

**Literary work and/or author I’m researching: ____________________________

1) **REFERENCE RESOURCES ONLINE** – From LAMP’s Databases A-Z.
   - **Literary Reference Center Plus** – Start with this for information about an author’s life and work.
   - **Biography in Context** – Excellent for information about an author’s life & times.
   - **Gale Virtual Reference Library** – Also good for information about an author’s life and times.

2) **REFERENCE BOOKS** – RCC Library 2nd Floor, West Wing – on counter-height shelves near the Reference Desk.
   - **Gale Literary Criticism** publication series - each series with multiple volumes and indexed by the freely accessible, online Gale **LITERARY INDEX** which you can search either by the TITLE or an AUTHOR of your interest.

3) **BOOKS & MEDIA** – In the RCC Library – Start by KEYWORD searching LAMP’s Library Catalog.
   - **HARDCOPY** – As shelved on RCC Library’s 3rd Floor (or the “Main Stacks”) – Set the Library Catalog to RIVERSIDE LIBRARY.
   - **E-BOOKS** – E-Books to read online – Set the Library Catalog to ALL E-BOOK COLLECTION.
   - **MEDIA** – Documentary and feature films to be viewed in the Library – Set the Library Catalog to ALL VIDEO COLLECTION.

4) **JOURNAL ARTICLES** – Scholarly, academic, and online from LAMP’s Databases A-Z.
   - **Literary Reference Center Plus** – Be sure to start with this for information about an author’s life and work.
   - **Academic Search Premier** – Good for information about an author’s life and times.
   - **Humanities International Complete** – Good for information about an author’s life and times.

5) **WORLD WIDE WEB** — Use WEB SUBJECT DIRECTORIES to find websites reviewed & recommended by experts.
   - **IPL2** – Information You Can Trust @ [http://www.ipl.org](http://www.ipl.org)
OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

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ACCESSING LAMP’S DATABASES FROM OFF CAMPUS

1) From RCCD Library’s LAMP Web site @ **http://library.rcc.edu** …

2) Click on ELECTRONIC RESOURCES – then the type of online resource you wish to access: PERIODICAL INDEXES, eBOOKS, eJOURNALS, REFERENCE RESOURCES.

3) When you click on a database or resource, the window below appears for you to type

   • **YOUR USER ID** = the 7 digits (numbers) of your RCC student ID;
   • **YOUR PASSWORD** = the first letter of your first name and up to six letters of your last name.

   **NOTE:** If your last name has 6 letters or less, simply type the first letter of your first name, then your entire last name – all lower case with no spaces.

If you are currently enrolled at RCC, or you are an RCCD employee, you can access this database from off-campus. Please enter the following information:

- **Your User ID:** [__] [__] [__] [__] [__] [__] [__]
- **Your Password:** [__] [__] [__] [__] [__] [__]

Submit Query

**NOTE:**
Your **USER ID** is your 7 digit student, faculty or staff ID number. Students. You are assigned a student ID number by the Registrar. Faculty and Staff can obtain their ID numbers from their IDS or the Human Resources Dept. Enter your User ID with no spaces.

Your **PASSWORD** is the first letter of your first name, with up to six letters of your last name, all lower case with no spaces.

**EXAMPLES:**
Clarice Breckenridge = cbrecke
Tamarra Smythe = tsmythe
Columbus Jones = cjones
Alfred Ng = ang

If you have problems with any of the above, during RCC Library open hours, call **951-222-8000, Ext. 4114 or 951-222-8651** – then ask for a Computer Help Desk assistant.