

To enter the Literature Resource Center:

1. <http://pierce.eou.edu>
2. Click on “By Database Name” since we already know which database we will be using.



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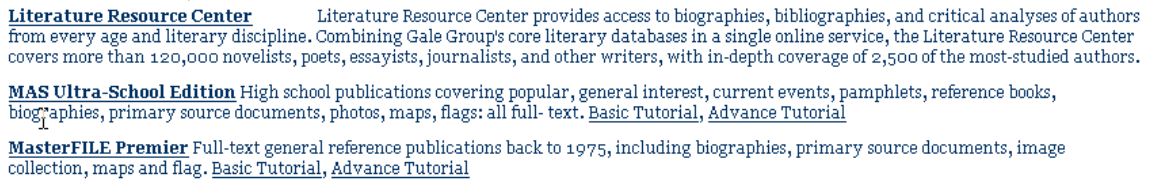
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3. In our alphabetical list of databases, click on Literature Resource Center.

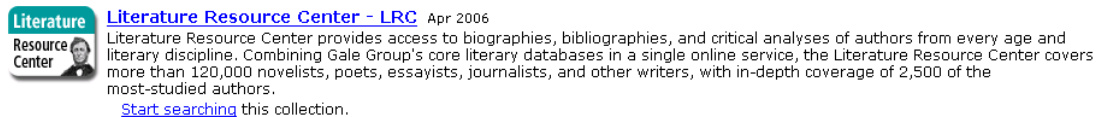


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4. The vendor that provides this database offers several others that we will pass by for this topic. The Literature Resource Center is located at the bottom of Thomson-Gale's offerings.

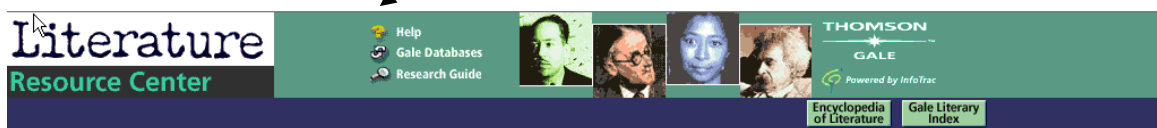


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5. Click on the “Start searching this collection” link.
6. To get started, there are Help topics available at the top of the page.



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7. When we click on Help, we get an array of Help topics. These help sections may come in handy as you proceed with your searches using The Literature Resource Center.

Help Using the *Literature Resource Center*

About the Literature Resource Center	Author Search
Title Search	Keyword Search
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8. One of our strategies might include the search path to take to gather our information. In other words, how do we want to tackle our topic-by title, by author, by timeline? Just where to begin? In our Help menu, we have the following suggestions:

Major Search Paths

Several search paths have been designed to facilitate the literary research process. With a data set as vast as *LRC*, search paths geared toward specific literary interests are essential to assist the user in locating desired information. The following search paths offer the user various approaches to discovering information about authors and their works:

- **Author Search.** Enables the user to find biographies, bibliographies, and full-text criticism of an author's works and literary career.
- **Title Search.** Enables the user to locate a reference to a work of literature within author biographies, bibliographies, critical essays, and work overviews.
- **Keyword Search.** Enables the user to conduct a broad search against targeted fields in each document.
- **Advanced Search.** Enables the user to design a more powerful search using such criteria as Author Name, Title, Critic name, Keyword, and Full Text.
- **Authors by Type Search.** Enables the user to identify an author or list of authors using a variety of classifications, including genre, literary movement/time period, nationality, ethnicity, gender, date of birth and/or death.
- **Literary-Historical Timeline Search.** Enables the user to target a specific date range for literary figures, movements, and historical events.
- **Merriam-Webster's Encyclopedia of Literature Search.** Enables the user to find entries for authors, works, literary landmarks, literary and critical terms, mythological and folkloric figures, fictional characters, literary movements and prizes from the entire 10,000-plus-term resource.

9. Since we already know our author we are interested in, Barbara Kingsolver, let's use the Author search path already set up for us on the main page of the Literature Resource Center. We start by keying in her name, last name first, into the Author Search box. We then click on "Search"

10. The Search Results list looks like this. You will notice that the first tab of information, “Biographies” is showing. The articles that follow at the bottom of the page concern themselves with biographical information about Barbara Kingsolver. There is also variants of her name that may come in useful when pursuing other resources to locate information about this author. This page also places the author in the time period of literature, notes her nationality, and lists the genres in which she writes.

Current Results

Your search, **Barbara Kingsolver**, returned results in the following categories:

Biographies | Literary Criticism, Articles, & Work Overviews | Bibliographies | Additional Resources | Literary-Historical Timeline

Barbara Kingsolver
(1955-)

Variants(s): Barbara Ellen Kingsolver
Nationality: American
Genre(s): Historical works; Psychological novels; Short stories; Journalism; Essays; Realistic novels
Literary Movement/Time Period: American postmodern literature

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Below are items 1-4 of 4 found.

Update Mark List

← Add to Mark List

Kingsolver, Barbara
["Barbara Kingsolver," in Contemporary Authors. \(A profile of the author's life and works\)](#)

Kingsolver, Barbara
["Barbara Kingsolver," in Contemporary Literary Criticism-Select. \(A brief review of the author's life, works, and critical reception\)](#)

11. To mark articles to read later, just click in the box ahead of the article and it will be added to a Mark List that you can retrieve before you leave this session. You may find those articles later, by clicking on the button “View Mark List” to see your selections.

Current Results

View Mark List

You can change your mind after looking at your Mark List and uncheck those articles that you know longer need. You then click on the “Update Mark List” to clear those choices.

Update Mark List

Critical Essays
Below are items 1-1 of 1 found.

Kingsolver, Barbara
[Lyall, Sarah, "Termites Are Interesting But Books Sell Better," in The New York Times, September 1, 1993, pp. C1, C8. Reproduced in Contemporary Literary Criticism-Select.](#)

12. On the second tab of the information available for Barbara Kingsolver, we find literary criticism, articles, and work overviews of her work. The literary criticism results are spread over 3 pages as indicated at the beginning of the articles' being listed. There are also tabs that break the articles down into the three categories. It is important not to overlook this division as many important articles may be missed.

Current Results
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Your search, **Barbara Kingsolver**, returned results in the following categories:

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Add to Mark List

Kingsolver, Barbara
[Lyall, Sarah, "Termites Are Interesting But Books Sell Better," in *The New York Times*, September 1, 1993, pp. C1, C8. Reproduced in *Contemporary Literary Criticism-Select*.](#)

It should be noted that sometimes, there is not information listed for an author under a category of information. When you click on that category, nothing new will be revealed.

13. On the third tab over, we find the section that deals with bibliographies: those lists the author has appeared in and those the author has contributed to or written.

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Works by the Author Works about the Author

14. Under the fourth tab, we find a rich set of "Additional Resources." Again, be sure to investigate all the categories presented from "Websites" to "Topical Essays."



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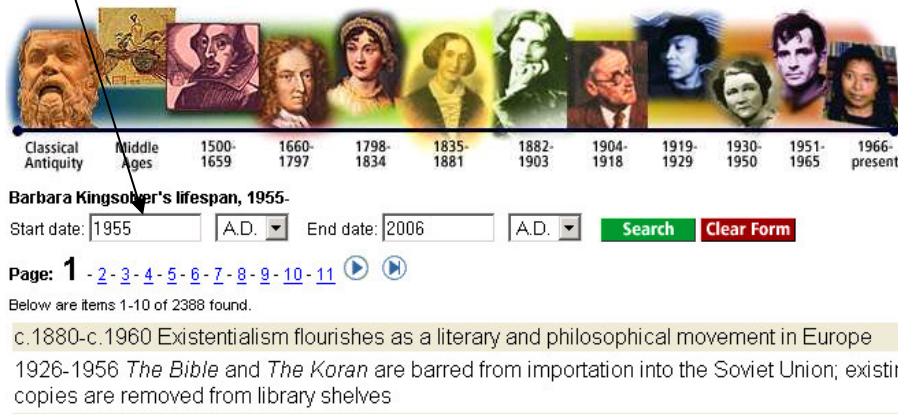

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Selected Websites on This Author's Life and Works

Select any of the websites below to explore Internet resources on this author's life and works

[Salon: Barbara Kingsolver](#)
<http://www.salon1999.com/16dec1995/departments/litchat.html>

15. On choosing the last tab for “Literary-Historical Timeline,” the birth year of the author is already in place.



Classical Antiquity Middle Ages 1500-1659 1660-1797 1798-1834 1835-1881 1882-1903 1904-1918 1919-1929 1930-1950 1951-1965 1966-present

Barbara Kingsolver's lifespan, 1955-
 Start date: A.D. End date: A.D. [Search](#) [Clear Form](#)

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c.1880-c.1960 Existentialism flourishes as a literary and philosophical movement in Europe
 1926-1956 *The Bible* and *The Koran* are barred from importation into the Soviet Union; existing copies are removed from library shelves

You can enter an end date to define a period of time that you wish to see the sociological, cultural, and historical context of an author's birth year or significant publication date.

16. Pressing the “Home” button, will return you to the top of the menu choices where we started.



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At the home page are two more features that should be noted. One is the “Authors on the Highway” button that lists author appearances and daily news about publishing in general.



Authors on the Highway

Search for author appearances in your area.

The “Spotlight” section is a chosen author that is presented by the database to pique interest in various authors by providing an intriguing quote and the link to the author’s information.

Spotlight on...

Jack Kerouac

**Don't use the telephone. /
People are never ready to
answer it. / Use poetry.**

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Postcards*

