Quick Start Guide - Literature Online (LION)

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Overview of content

1. Criticism
   Scholarly articles, reviews, books, dissertations.
   Articles from over 430 scholarly journals included. Coverage extended by the Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature (ABELL), one of the most important bibliographic sources for English studies.
   Search Criticism

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   Original literary works of poetry, drama and prose.
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   W. B. Yeats
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4. **Frequently viewed authors** you can browse the carousel of frequently viewed authors, or click browse authors by literary period, literary movement or name to find any author available in LION.

5. **Audio and video collections** For Audio and Video collections, click Shakespeare Audio Plays, Poets on screen or Poetry archive audio to search or browse the collections.

**Results page**

The results are displayed in terms of the content available. (1) Where applicable the results will show criticism, primary texts, author pages, reference works and audio and video. To see all results for a certain content type click the view results button on the right hand side of the page.(2)
**Author Pages**

Author Pages provide a “one-stop” entry point to get all information related to an author including biographies, primary texts, criticism, reference works, multi-media resources and other related content.

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1) Biographical information about the author

2) Links to items within the LION database related to the author, where available this will include links to primary texts by the author.

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