



**Literature Online (LION)** is a comprehensive database for research in English literature, and contains the full content of literary works, 600 A.D. to the present.

Searchable full text is available for drama, prose, and poetry from every period and genre of English literature. Digitized page images of historical materials are also included.

With LION, researchers can access approximately 130 scholarly literature journals through the renowned literary index Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature (ABELL), which contains records of literary criticism from 1920 to the present. LION users will also enjoy the online reference shelf that contains literary definitions, explanations, bibliographies, contextual material, and biographies.

A special feature, Poetry on Screen, offers video clips of contemporary authors reading their own poetry and selected classics. LION further expands access by providing links to relevant English literature web sites.

## WHY MIGHT YOU USE LION?

- You need to read the poem "Farewell to America," by Phillis Wheatley, for class, but all of her works are checked out from Rice Library. Read it in LION instead.
- You need scholarly journals articles on a specific author, work of literature, or literary theme for a research paper, for example, feminist themes in Jane Austen novels.
- You want to see a video clip of Nikki Giovanni reading her own poetry.
- You want to search for page images of a historical book to see how the original work looked. (How did the title page of Romeo and Juliet look when it was first published?)

The screenshot shows the Literature Online website interface. The top navigation bar includes 'HOME PAGE', 'QUICK SEARCH (HELP?)', and 'HELP | SITE MAP'. The main content area is titled 'Author Page' and features a search bar, a 'Go!' button, and a list of search results. The first result is 'Margaret Atwood', which is highlighted with a red oval. Below the author's name, there are links for 'Add to My Archive List', 'Receive alerts for this author', 'Save to My Archive', and 'Durable URL for this page'. A red arrow points from the 'Resources' section to a red-bordered box containing a list of resource types: Criticism, Bibliography, Biography, Reference Works, Web Sites, and Poets On Screen.

## SEARCHING LION

Search by author and LION will display all resources pertaining to that author. Resources are broken down into categories such as Criticism, Bibliographies, Reference Works, and Web Sites. See example at left.

LION also lets you search by literary movement, nationality, ethnicity, genre, gender, and time period.

## HOW DO I ACCESS LION?

Choose "Databases" on the Rice Library home page ([www.usi.edu/library](http://www.usi.edu/library)), and go to the A-Z list. Off-campus users will need to enter their MyUSI username and password.

## CAN I GET MORE HELP USING LION?

View the LION tutorial at [http://lion.chadwyck.com/infoCentre/extendedDemo/lion\\_demo0.htm](http://lion.chadwyck.com/infoCentre/extendedDemo/lion_demo0.htm)