

# How to Use the Literary Criticism Books

## Which Literary Criticism do I use?

To know which Literary Criticism to use, you need to know the author's death.

CLC - if the author is still alive or died after Dec. 31, 1959

TCLC - if the author died between 1900 - 1959

NCLC - if the author died between 1800 - 1899

LC - if the author died between 1400 - 1799

C&MLC - if the author died before 1400

## What are these books?

They include a brief biography of the author and then several critical essays written about that author. The essays are normally organized by which book the essay is about.

## How do I find my author?

Once you know which criticism set he/she is in (TCLC, CLC, etc.), find the last volume in that set. In the back of every volume is a cumulative index.

## How do I cite these essays?

Bad news - the cite is long

Good news - every essay is a separate source

You need:

Author's last name, first name. "Title of Essay." Title of Literary Criticism, Vol. #. Ed. Editor's first name last name. City that the criticism was published: Publishing company, Copyright year. Pages Used.

*Note: if you do not have a name for the author, start with the essay title.*

Here is an example based on the copy from the back of this page.

Tuttle, Lisa. "As Other Worlds Turn." Contemporary Literary Criticisms, Vol. 27. Ed. Jean C. Stine. Detroit: Gale, 1984. 11.