

## Searching Gale Literature Criticism Online

Click on the link to Gale Literature Criticism Online in the listing of databases and log in if you are off campus. At the Infotrac home screen click proceed.

The database opens at the basic search page which facilitates searching by keyword, full text, the author's name or the title of the work. A keyword search looks for the search terms only in key fields of the article record: author, work title, literary topic, annotation, critic name, and source publication. Searches may be limited to materials published in a specific year or range of years, or to a specific title among the Gale Criticism series. The series listed in this box will vary according to each library's subscription. Chambers Library subscribes to the entire set. To search for "Young Goodman Brown" by title, type the name of the short story into the search box and select "Named Work" from the drop down menu. (Though convention requires capitalizing each word, it is not really necessary to do so.)

This search retrieves 16 entries, but not all of them are about "Young Goodman Brown." Sometimes, despite efforts to conduct precise searches, search results will include "false hits." Two entries are specifically about this short story, however, and the citations provide the number of pages in each. The entry in Nineteenth-Century Literary Criticism is the longer of the two.

The screen opens in the Document View. Page through this view using the controls at the top of the text and the scroll bars to adjust the screen. Or, reformat the screen for reading to remove this citation information. Links provide information on this volume of literary criticism, access to other essays, listed by author name, within this particular entry, and direct access to specific pages where other works are discussed.

Switch to a PDF copy and select groups of 50 pages at a time to scroll through with the option to print, save, or e-mail. Use the back arrow in the browser window to return to the previous screen, and then the internal link to return to the document view.

Additional search options are available via the tabs across the top. Browse by topic, work title or author, or switch to an advanced search to search by critic name or source publication in addition to the fields available in the basic search. Utilize a "fuzzy search" option for terms with alternate spellings. Set it at low, medium or high to broaden the scope of variance that will be allowed from the search term. For example, searching for "Hawthorn", without the final "e", as a Named Author, without fuzzy searching, will retrieve nothing. But, with fuzzy searching enabled, the search yields 21 entries. Again, however, not all of the results are about Nathaniel Hawthorne or the short story "Young Goodman Brown." This search can be revised by adding another search term. Leave the Boolean operator "and" at the end of the first line to direct the system to search for entries that contain both search terms. Add the word "devil" in the second search box as a keyword search. And the results include the two entries that pertain specifically to our story of Young Goodman Brown.

Experiment with your searches. Each variance can yield slightly different results and you may find something that you had missed before!