

Searching in Humanities International Complete for Literature Criticism

A search for the title “Young Goodman Brown” as a Boolean/Phrase search in Humanities International Complete retrieves 57 results. Limiters are available in the side panel to narrow the search.

We can save citations to a folder or view most articles in full-text, PDF. However, you will see that item number 14 in this result list is for an article in the New England Quarterly which is not available in full text online. The “Find It” button will open a pop-up window with information on the library’s holdings in print format for this journal. First, take note of the volume and issue needed, which is Volume 69, Issue number 1, from March of 1996.

Then click “Find It.” The record indicates that UCO owns the journal from 1950, volume number 23, issue number 1. Clicking the “Find it in Print” link will open the catalog record with more detailed information, including the call number needed to find the journal on the 4th floor of the library.

The library does have a copy service available. Let’s return to the library’s home page and click on Library Services. There is a link for Copy Requests about half way down the page. Fill out the form to submit a request, or click the link for more information to get to the copy center’s web page. I’ll close this window and we’ll go back to our database search.

One feature available in Humanities International that is not available in the MLA is the Image Quick View. Selecting the Image Quick View will give us a results list with only those articles that contain images, and they will appear in thumbnail with the citations of the articles. We can narrow the image results with the “type” options that are offered to retrieve only photographs, graphs, maps, etc.

Let’s search for a portrait of Nathaniel Hawthorne by entering just his last name as a keyword search with Image Quick View selected.

The results list has many articles with pages of tables and graphics . . . images of book covers . . . and also portraits of Hawthorne himself. Clicking on the image opens a window with a larger version of the image and also links to tell us how we can cite the image and what permissions we have for using it.

As with the MLA, we can create and sign in to our EBSCOHost account in the menu at the top to save the results of our search session.

Good luck with your searches in Humanities International Complete and if you have any questions or problems, be sure to contact us at the library!