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LITERATURE



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shakespeare and hamlet
shakespeare and ophelia
shakespeare and famil? (notice the truncation symbol)
shakespeare and traged?

When the Book is in Hand ...

- ◆ Check the **TABLE OF CONTENTS** for a related chapter.
 - ◆ Check the **INDEX** for any words relative to your topic! The book may have more info than first appears.
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Finding Articles: Places to Look

- ◆ Use the [MLA International Bibliography](#), [Humanities Abstracts](#) or [Project Muse](#) databases. Employ the keyword strategies above.
- ◆ Try the [Gale Literary Criticism Series](#) in print (the most current volume in any series indexes all previous volumes) or the [Gale Literature Resource Center](#) online.
- ◆ Check **bibliographies** and/or works cited in books.
- ◆ Check **bibliographies specific to an author**. Search for the author's **lastname,firstname** in the Chambers Library online catalog and select the subject heading with the subheading of "bibliography." **Example:** Shakespeare, William 1564-1616—bibliography