

## Reference Works – Literary Criticism

### Tips for Reducing Research Time

Before beginning your research always know your author's nationality, and birth and death dates. The easiest method to learn this information is to look up your author in an encyclopedia such as World Book. Usually, this encyclopedia will not count as one of your required sources.

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