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STARTING
Search for Literature Online in iFind and login with your Swansea University username and password. You can also access the resource via your subject’s library guide (click on the Key Resources tab).

SEARCHING
On the home page you will see links to the 4 different parts of LION: authors, texts, criticism and reference.

Authors
Search Authors - In the Authors section, search for a particular author by typing their name into the Author name box. You can also select their name from a list – just type the author’s surname and click on Look up author name. Click the box to the left of the author you are interested in and click on Add to search and Search. You can also search by period, nationality, literary movement, ethnicity and gender. For instance, you can choose to see a list of all authors in LION from the Medieval Period.

Browse list of authors - You can also browse an alphabetical list of authors. From the home page, click on Browse list of authors. A blue book symbol next to the author’s name in the List of Authors indicates that texts are available for that author:

Hardy, Thomas, 1840-1928
Click on the name of the author you are interested to get through to the **Author Page**. This page links directly to the texts of any works by that author in LION (if they are available) and writings about him or her (such as journal articles). For many authors, there are also links to reference material about the author, a biography and bibliography. If texts are available you can search for a keyword within the texts by clicking on the ‘Search within Texts’ link (see below).

**Texts**
In the **Texts** section you can choose to **search all texts** or limit your search to **poetry**, **drama** or **prose**. Texts can be searched by word, phrase, author, date or literary period. You can search for a keyword within a text or across texts by entering a keyword into the **Keywords in text** search box. If you would like to search within one particular work, enter the title into the **Title keywords** search box. This can be useful if you are studying a particular theme within a work. For older works you may want to check the **Variant spellings** box to pick up different spellings.

In your list of results, don’t forget to click the appropriate tab at the top of the list (e.g. **Drama**) if you have not selected it earlier:

![Drama tab](image)

If would like to search for a keyword across an author’s works, you can leave the **Title keywords** field blank and enter the author’s name into the **Authors** box.

**Criticism**
This allows you to search across many works of criticism, including the full text of 380 journals. From the home page you can choose to search all of the Criticism section, limit your search to **ABELL** (*Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature*) or browse an **A-Z list of full text journals**.

**Further search tips**
**Wildcards**
Use * to stand for any number of letters (including none) at the end of a word. For instance, **witch*** searches for **witch**, **witches**, **witchcraft** and any other word beginning **witch**.

? can be used to represent a single letter or no letter. (It can be used anywhere in a word.)

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Mae'r ddogfen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg hefyd
For instance, by typing wom?n you will search for woman as well as women. By typing hono?r you will search for honour as well as honor.

The use of * and ? can help to find words spelt inconsistently.

Combining terms
Words can be combined using the Boolean operators and, or or not. For instance, heaven and paradise finds works containing both heaven and paradise. heaven or paradise finds works containing either word (a far larger number).

It is also possible to search for words NEAR each other: rights NEAR/10 woman searches for rights within ten words of woman in any order.

Or you use FBY (followed by) to search for terms that are within three terms of each other: rights fby woman looks for rights within three words of woman. In this case woman has to follow rights.

Phrase searching
Use quotation marks to search for exact phrases. e.g. “paradise lost”

Reference
In the Reference section it is possible to search a selection of reference works (e.g. the Concise Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms, the Columbia Dictionary of Modern Literary and Cultural Criticism and the Concise Oxford Companion to English Literature).

Complete Contents
The search box at the top of the home page searches across the different parts of LION. E.g. if you search for “beat generation” results will be returned from the Texts, Criticism and Reference section. You can narrow your results to one particular section using the panel on the left of the screen:

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My Archive
At the top right of the screen you will see a link to My Archive. You can use this feature to save records and searches. You will first need to set up a personal My Archive account. Click 'My Archive' and click Create a My Archive account at the bottom of the screen.

New user? Create a My Archive account

You will need to set up a new account even if you had a My Archive account in the previous version of Literature Online.

Multimedia
The Poets On Screen section contains about 900 clips of poets reading their own or other poets' work. Many of the poets belong to the second half of the twentieth century.
Shakespeare Audio Plays contains a recording of each of Shakespeare’s plays.
Poetry Archive Audio has over 900 links to poetry readings at The Poetry Archive.

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