



LitFinder FAQ and Fact Sheet – Spring 2009

Updated User Experience

LitFinder's new, "simple but rich" user experience is designed to support the diverse needs and search habits of your library patrons.

- ▶ Easy and accurate results from the Home Page whether searching on author names, titles or topics
- ▶ Multiple options to refine searches and browse indexes
- ▶ "Tabbed" results reflect the way literature is studied
- ▶ Encourages further exploration via related subjects links, searches within the source publication, and links to other articles by the same person.
- ▶ Tools like Print, Email, Download, Citation Tools and Bookmark are clearly and easily accessible

Enhanced Findability

- ▶ Extensive re-indexing of LitFinder's primary and secondary content makes it easier for searchers to find the materials they need.
- ▶ Browseable search indexes help users identify the most useful search terms for their needs
- ▶ Person Search and Works Search create representative lists of authors or works that share characteristics like nationality, gender, genre, or century

Updated Tools for Working with Documents

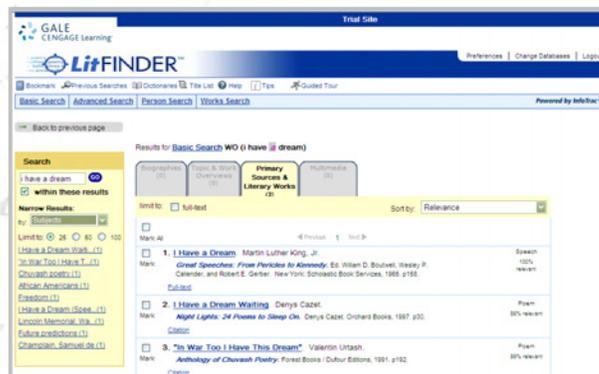
- ▶ Citation tool generates citations in MLA or APA format and supports bibliographic software like EndNote, ProCite, RefWorks and Reference Manager.
- ▶ On-the-fly translations in Spanish, French, German, Portuguese, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, or Korean.
- ▶ Bookmark feature provides a concise persistent URL to copy or email, ready for use in a document or on a Library Web page.

How often is the content LitFinder updated?

New content is loaded into LitFinder on a regular basis. Periodical content has the ability to load daily, while monographs, single-author work, anthologies or novels are loaded as they are processed. Typically, content from these sources will be loaded AT LEAST on a quarterly basis, if not more frequently.

Are international authors/works included in LitFinder?

There are hundreds of nationalities and ethnicities represented in LitFinder. In addition, LitFinder contains thousands of Spanish-language poems with English language translations.



What are the selection criteria for the material in LitFinder?

Through ongoing consultation with a standing advisory board of academics, educators, and librarians, Gale strives to include, provide full representation of all significant time periods, include all important schools and movements, and the best and most-studied works within the literary canon. Selections of works are also derived from standard literary indexes and K-12/higher education syllabi from across the country and around the world.

Are all sources cover to cover in LitFinder?

Many novels, single author works and anthologies are cover to cover (most likely those that are public domain). Gale's aim is three-fold: [1] to offer support for most-studied authors/works, [2] to provide as much full-text as possible, and [3] to stress global, contemporary coverage.

A poem for every interest ... an essay for the ages ... a story that touches the soul. Welcome to the new LitFinder — the largest, most accessible collection of poetry, short fiction and essential literature available online.

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