

Resources for HSC English (All Levels)

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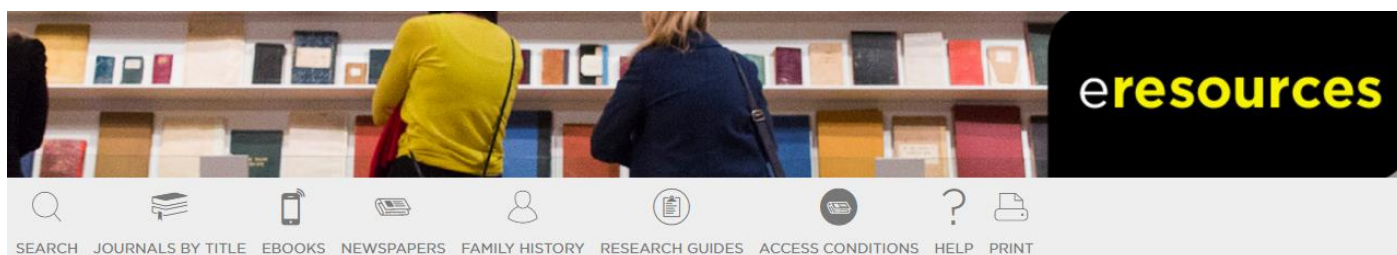
- Use **Advanced Search** to combine more than one search word
- When searching for author enter surname first (eg Owen, Wilfred)
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Starting points on the State Library website

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MENU: eResources



Free to access with your State Library card: **High quality**, academic material to ensure your work is **well-researched**. Available **online anytime, anywhere**.

Important:

- Locate the subject **HSC** from the list on the left
- Open the '+' box next to **HSC** and tick *English* for a list of recommended databases
- Or find a specific database by name (eg Literary Reference Center) under *By database title*

eBooks

- Find an ebook by searching by keyword, or browsing by subject Eg. Shakespeare, Gothic fiction

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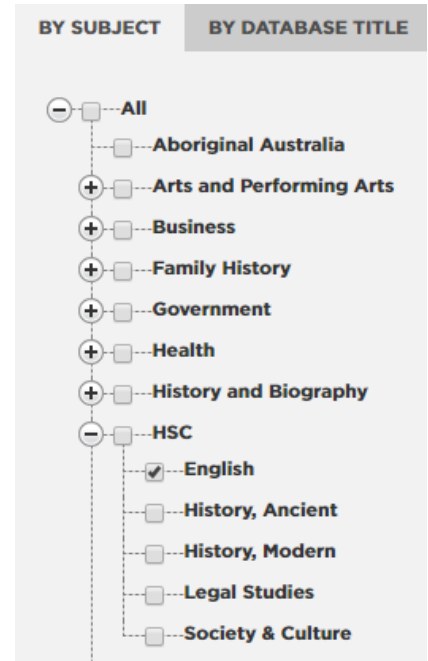
- Use "quotation marks" for exact phrase searching
- Use **ADVANCED** search options to combine words using AND, OR, NOT
- Use asterisks * for wildcards- alternative endings of words eg poet* = poet, poets and poetry
- Select **Full Text** search options to find full text articles only (N.B. In some databases, this will be called "Content I can access")
- **Vary your search terms**- try synonyms for your topic words

Search tips for eResources (cont.)

- Refine your results in some databases by limiting to **scholarly** or **peer reviewed** sources, for academic level journals which have been evaluated by experts
- Watch your **spelling** – both in terms of accuracy and American spelling variations

English specific databases

Choose subjects **Literature and Language** for full list



CAMBRIDGE COMPANIONS ONLINE

- Cambridge Companions to Literature and Classics collection holds essays written by leading experts on major authors, periods, genres, and texts.

LITERARY REFERENCE CENTER PLUS (EBSCO)

- Contains full text of reviews, articles and essays of literary criticism, author biographies, literary journals, classic and contemporary poems and short stories, and more.

LITERATURE RESOURCE CENTER (GALE)

- Contains biographies and critical analyses of more than 130000 authors, for all time periods and literary disciplines.

AUSSLIT

- AustLit focuses on Australian creative writing and Australian authors since the 1880s.
- Covers books, poems, short stories, articles, and reviews.
- Not all resources are provided in full text.

SHAKESPEARE COLLECTION (GALE)

- Contains the full works of Shakespeare as well as full text scholarly periodicals, criticisms and primary source material.

OXFORD REFERENCE ONLINE

- Contains over 100 dictionary, language reference, and subject reference works published by Oxford University Press, written by researchers and experts. Useful for definitions of words and concepts.

JSTOR

- JSTOR is a digital archive of scholarly sources with full text access to over 2000 journals plus some primary sources.

Other relevant resources

HSC Help: For more help, the Library holds free HSC Help sessions for English, History, Legal Studies and Society & Culture twice a year during January and April school holidays www.sl.nsw.gov.au/hschelp