Literature Online (LION)

What is LION?
This resource is a searchable, online library of over 300,000 works of English and American poetry, prose and drama. It also provides access to a growing collection of online journals, reference works and author biographies.

Accessing LION
LION is accessed via the E-resources Guide.
1. To open the E-resources Guide, go to: http://subjectguides.york.ac.uk/e-resources
2. When the E-resources Guide has opened select the L tab from the A-Z list at the top of the screen. An alphabetical list of resources is then displayed.
3. Click on LION - Literature Online (new version). You may be asked to log in with your IT Services username and password. The resource will now open in a new window.

Searching LION

LION gives you several options for searching and browsing the database:

Quick Search – You can search by author, title, subject, or any word in the text of any work contained in the LION database. Type your search (e.g. Jacob* drama* and moral*) and click the search button.
Search Authors – search for authors by name or by specific criteria, such as gender, nationality, ethnicity, literary movement or literary period.
Search Texts – search the full text of all the contents of LION. You can search All texts, or limit your search to Poetry or Drama or Prose. You can also search for the literary period when a work was produced, or the publisher of a particular poem.
Search Reference – explore biographies, student guides and other reference works.
Search Criticism – produce a list of material written about an author or their works, including references to articles, monographs and dissertations.

You can also browse A-Z lists of authors, texts (arranged according to period), journals or reference works. Use the menus at the top of the page to explore the different browse options.
Viewing your results

For a quick search, the results are broken down by content type:

A summary of results by type is given at the left of the page. Click the type to restrict the search accordingly.

Click to view information about the author of a work.

Click a title to view its full text, or use the full text links for articles and criticism.

Modifying, repeating and combining searches

Click on Recent Searches at the top of the page. Choose the correct link under the heading you are interested in (e.g. Quick Search). In the results table, click the search you want to repeat; or click on Modify to adjust your search. You can use the Combining searches form to link previous searches together: enter the numbers of the searches you wish to combine, selecting AND, OR or NOT from the dropdown box, then click Search.

E-mailing, saving and printing your results

Select records by ticking the box by the record number or clicking Select all items on this page. Click on Selected Items at the top of the page, and then select the relevant section (e.g. Drama).

You can only export results from a single section at a time. Choose the section you want to export using the side-menu.

Use the Email, Print or Export/Save options to print or save a summary of your results or to export them to a reference management program.