

# GUIDE TO RESEARCH IN FRENCH LITERATURE

## Using Periodicals in Research

### 1. "How do I find articles in 20<sup>th</sup> century periodicals?"

#### **Bibliographie der französischen Sprach-und-Literaturwissenschaft.** (the "Klapp").

The best source for French language articles. A bit cumbersome; you have to search a volume for each year, but well worth the effort. Many resources not in any database.

*General Reference:* Z 2171.B56 (1956-present)

#### **MLA International Bibliography**

Consists of bibliographic records pertaining to literature, language, linguistics, and folklore, and includes coverage from 1963 to the present. Provides access to scholarly research in over 4,000 journals and series. It also covers relevant monographs, working papers, proceedings, bibliographies, and other formats.

*Web database:* Access from Libraries' Home Page, under Online Resources - By Subject

#### **Humanities Fulltext**

A database of articles that cites articles from English-language periodicals, plus the full text of selected periodicals. Subjects covered: Archaeology, Area Studies, Art, Classical Studies, Communications, Dance, Film, Folklore, Gender Studies, History, Journalism, Linguistics, Literary & Social Criticism Literature, Music, Performing Arts, Philosophy, Religion and Theology.

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#### **Arts and Humanities Citation Index**

A multidisciplinary database covering the journal literature of the arts and humanities. It indexes 1,144 of the world's leading arts and humanities journals, as well as covering individually selected, relevant items from over 6,800 major science and social science journals. Provides access to current information and retrospective data from 1975 forward. Do a *Cited Reference Search* and *Find Related Records*, to expand your searching forwards and sideways.

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#### **Bibliographie de la littérature française de 1800 à 1930.** Hugo P. Thieme.

An index by author's name, including works written by the author, and secondary literature about the author. This includes books ("Références") and articles ("Périodiques"). Treats authors of the period indicated, and is very useful for obscure 19<sup>th</sup> century writers, as well as the big names, and hard-to-find articles on those writers. The 3<sup>rd</sup> volume has resources on general themes: "Littérature, Genres littéraires, Ecoles littéraires, Education, La France, La femme et le féminisme, Divers".

*D Level:* PH 2035 .T44 (3 volumes in 2)

### **Critical bibliography of French literature.**

Volumes for: The Medieval period, The 16<sup>th</sup> century, The 17<sup>th</sup> century, The 18<sup>th</sup> century, The 19<sup>th</sup> century, and The 20<sup>th</sup> century. An invaluable selective annotated bibliography, each section compiled by a specialist. References to books and articles are included for each writer analyzed.

*General Reference:* Z 2171 .C74

### **Bibliographie de la littérature française.** A. Cioranescu.

There are volumes for the Seizième, Dix-septième, and Dix-huitième siècles. Lists works written, as well as *Études* for most writers. For major writers, such as Ronsard, Voltaire, Racine the *Études* section is vast and quite detailed. Includes articles from periodicals from the 18<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

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### **JSTOR.**

An electronic archive of journal articles that includes backfiles of nearly 50 literary journals (JSTOR adds titles every year). They are completely searchable and include the full-text of articles in several formats. JSTOR does not, however, usually include recent years of journals. But it does go back to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century in coverage, and thus acts as an index to articles that are not covered in most electronic (and print) indexes.

*Web database:* <http://jstor.org>

### **Project MUSE.**

Searches the recent years of online journals of the JHU Press. Full-text of articles now includes other presses as well; including Oxford University, Carnegie Mellon, MIT Press, Duke University.

*Web database:* <http://muse.jhu.edu/>

### **The year's work in modern language studies.**

Critically assess major articles, books and new editions. Better coverage of English language than French language publications. Very useful introduction to recent secondary literature.

*Moravia Park. 1929-1974 PD 1 .Y39*

*D Level. 1975-1999 PB 1 .Y45*

*General Reference. 2002 PB 1 .Y45*

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### **International Medieval Bibliography**

"A comprehensive, current bibliography of articles in journals and miscellany volumes (conference proceedings, essay collections or Festschriften) worldwide. An unparalleled tool for medievalists to identify the contents of current work published throughout Europe, the Americas and the Asia-Pacific region."

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### **Internationale Bibliographie der Zeitschriftenliteratur (IBZ)**

An international and interdisciplinary bibliography of academic periodical literature mainly from the Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts. Contains over 2,553,260 journal articles from about 10,785 journals covering the years 1983 -.

Web database:            *Access from Libraries' Home Page, under Online Resources - By Subject*

### **Manuel de bibliographie littéraire, pour les XVI<sup>e</sup>, XVII<sup>e</sup> et XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècles français** (1921-55). J. Giraud.

3 volumes, covering over 30 years of 20<sup>th</sup> century criticism. Organized into the 3 centuries covered, plus *Ouvrages généraux*. Within each category, organized by subjects such as *Histoire des idées*, *Comparatisme*, *Moyens d'expression*, *Culture et vie intellectuelle*. And finally, a section in each century on *Auteurs*; an alphabetical index listing books, articles, dissertations, and other studies. A useful tool to fill in the blanks left by other indexes.

Moravia Park:            *PH 2035 .G522 (1946-55)*  
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                                  *PH 2035 .G52 (1921-35)*

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D Level:                    *PH 2035 .T15*

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### **19<sup>th</sup> Century Masterfile.**

A database of many 19<sup>th</sup> century periodicals and newspapers, mostly English language.

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### **La Revue Blanche.**

An online index to an important fin-de-siècle review. Works best with Internet Explorer.

*Web access:* <http://www.marcel-schwob.org/Articles/133/revue-blanche>

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**Literature Criticism from 1400 to 1800:** Excerpts From Criticism of the Works of Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, and Eighteenth-Century Novelists, Poets, Playwrights, Philosophers, and Other Creative Writers, From the First Published Critical Appraisals to Current Evaluations.

Detroit: Gale Research, 1984-

Compilation, primarily of critical writings, concerning writers active between 1400-1800 and important topics for the period. Follows other, similar Gale products and provides bio-bibliographical information. Contains author, topics, nationalities, and titles indexes that cumulate in the latest issue. Lists **critical writings** in chronological order, **many of which are in periodicals**. The organization of each volume by writer provides index to periodical literature before 1900. Allows readers to trace the reception of writers and their critical reputation over time. (Balay)

*M Level Reference Wall*

**Also consult:**

**Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism:** Excerpts From Criticism of the Works of World Authors from Classical Antiquity Through the 14th Century, From the First Appraisals to Current Evaluations.

*M Level Reference Wall*

**Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism:** Excerpts From Criticism of the Works of Novelists, Poets, Playwrights, Short Story Writers, and Other Creative Writers Who Lived Between 1800 and 1900, From the First Published Critical Appraisals to Current Evaluations.

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**4. "How do I find information about French periodicals, including publication history, major writers, ties to literary movements and lists of journals published in a particular time period?"**

Bibliographie historique et critique de la presse périodique française.

*D Level. Z6956 .F8 H36*

Catalogue collectif des périodiques du début du XVIIe siècle à 1939.

A directory of all periodicals held in French libraries, from the earliest to the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. Lists which French libraries own them. A good source for verifying citations and locating obscure titles.

*General Reference M Level. Z6945.P28 1967*

Histoire politique et littéraire de la presse en France. (8 volumes)

*D Level. P7174.H36 1859*

*Also available online at <http://gallica.bnf.fr>*

Histoire générale de la presse française. (5 volumes)

*D Level. P 7174.H5 1969*

Bibliographie de la presse française politique et d'information générale.

*D Level. Z6956 .F8P32 1964*

Bibliographie de la presse classique, 1600-1789.

*Moravia Park. PH2035 .S45 1984*

La France révolutionnaire et impériale, 1789-1808 . André Monglond.

Lists everything published, year by year, during the period covered; including books, periodicals, broadsides, pamphlets. Incredibly rich resource for the period. Each year has a section for: "La vie française, La tradition littéraire, Les relations littéraires avec l'étranger, La littérature nouvelle." Under the latter category, there is a section on "Presse".

*D Level: PH 2035 .M53*

Bibliographie des revues et journaux littéraires des XIXe et XXe siècles. (3 volumes)  
*D Level PH2002.Z9P5 1973*

Répertoire de la presse et des publications périodiques françaises.  
*D Level Z6956 .F8 R3 1964*

## **5. How do I find other specialized works in or on French periodicals, by subject or time period?**

There are many more printed resources on French periodicals. You can locate them in the library catalog, by doing a Basic search on any (or a combination) of the following terms:

### **Subject keywords:**

press  
france  
periodicals  
bibliography  
indexes

### **Title keywords:**

presse  
periodique(s)  
journaux  
revues  
français(e)

### **General:**

any of the above  
names: e.g.: paris,  
classique, médiéval,  
lumières, romantique,  
moderne, etc.

## **6. What other Guides are available for research?**

Guide to Research in French Literature : Secondary literature

Guide to Research in French Literature : Primary literature

Microforms in French Literary Studies

Electronic Texts in French Literature

Archival Research

Web guide to French Literature : <http://www.library.jhu.edu/researchhelp/french/index.html>