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ENL121 - English Composition II

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Key Databases

[Literature Resource Center](#)

The best source for information about authors and their works. FULL-TEXT.

[JSTOR](#)

Good FULL-TEXT source for literary criticism. Be sure to select 'Language & Literature' from the list of disciplines.

[ProQuest](#) Databases:

Many full text magazine articles will be found here on a wide variety of subjects.

[America: History and Life](#)

An index of citations to books and articles on all facets of American history.

[Humanities Index](#)

An index to use in locating articles and reviews. (Not full-text.)

[WorldCat](#)

A database containing the online catalogs of thousands of libraries. If the PCT library does not own a book you need, try searching WorldCat.

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Print Periodicals

Reference Books

[REF PS153 .N5 B556 1992](#)

Black literature criticism : excerpts from criticism of the most significant works of Black authors over the past 200 years / James P. Draper, editor. 3 vols. New York : Oxford University Press, 1997.

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[REF PS153 .N5 O96 1997](#)

The Oxford companion to African American literature/ editors, William L. Andrews, Frances Smith Foster, Trudier Harris.

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[REF PS153 .N5 M264 1992](#)

Masterpieces of African-American literature / edited by Frank N. Magill. New York, NY : HarperCollins, c1992.

Main Library - Reference Collection - 1st Fl.

[REF PS153 .N5 A3444 2000](#)

African-American writers : a dictionary / Shari Dorantes Hatch and Michael R. Strickland, editors. Santa Barbara, Calif. : ABC-CLIO, c2000

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[REF PS153 .N5 B214 2004](#)

African-American writers / Philip Bader. New York : Facts On File, c2004.

Main Library - Reference Collection - 1st Fl.

[REF PS261 .S515 1997](#)

Encyclopedia of southern literature / Mary Ellen Snodgrass. Santa Barbara, Calif. : ABC-CLIO, c1997.

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[REF PS261 .C55 2002](#)

The companion to Southern literature : themes, genres, places, people, movements, and motifs / edited by Joseph M. Flora and Lucinda H. MacKethan. Baton Rouge : Louisiana State University Press, c2002.

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Newspaper articles

New York Times Index (1857-)

Use this index to find articles written about Frederick Douglass.

Step 1: Use the Personal Name Index, 1851-1874 to look up "Douglass, Frederick." You will find a list of all articles by year and page number (ex. 1851, 69.). Select a year and page number. (Remember that the Personal Name Index is an index to an index. It directs you to the New York Times Index for a specific year, it does not give you the date and page of the article.)

Step 2: Go to the New York Times Index for that year, find the page you need and read the entries. After you select an article, be sure to note the date and page number where the article is found.

Step 3: Go to the microfilm drawers to locate the reel of film that contains the newspaper for that date. Load the film on a reader/printer. If you need help see the attendant at the Help Desk or go to the Reference Desk. Remember that microfilm printouts are free.

Tip: For the period Sept. 1851 through Sept. 1858, the New York Times Index is handwritten. It is not divided by year. Instead, each article has an issue number. Note the issue number so that you can identify which reel of microfilm you need. Written on the box of each reel for that time period is a run of numbers that tells you what issues numbers are contained on the reel (ex. 215-377.)

Recommended Websites

[Frederick Douglass](#) - Keele University. Dept. of American Studies

[Perspectives in American Literature](#) - A research & reference guide

[American Memory Project: The Frederick Douglass Papers](#)

[American Visionaries, Frederick Douglass. All Image Gallery](#) - Photographs.

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Websites

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[LIAS on the Web](#)

Penn State University Library

[Bertrand Library Catalog](#)

Bucknell University

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