Reading Michael Ondaatje  
ENGL 290-003

Finding Books and Journal Articles

Research tools to consider: QCAT, Summon, Article Indexes & Databases, and Google Scholar.

1. Books

Search QCAT to find specific titles, authors and redefined subjects. For example:
ondaatje michael [search by subject]

To find books on a thematic approach to literature, consider searching these subject headings:

- Culture in literature
- Fiction technique
- Immigrants in literature
- Multiculturalism in literature
- Postmodernism (Literature)
- Race in literature

2. Articles

Search the following electronic journal database to find scholarly articles:

→ MLA International Bibliography
→ Literature Online (LION)

To find articles on your topic, think of the words that best describe your topic and then connect them with the Boolean operators: AND, OR, NOT.

To search indexes, click the tab Databases and enter the title of the database, e.g. MLA.

michael ondaatje AND in the skin of a lion
diaspora and Canadian literature and 1900-1999

To find out if Queen's subscribes to the journal, click Get It! @ Queen's if full text not readily available.

Search LION to find information about authors and criticism - also reference sources.

Search as Author: Ondaatje Michael
Search as Criticism: ondaatje michael AND myth*

3. Summon

With Summon, you can search, discover and access information on any topic from the Queen's Library collections - print and electronic books, single articles to entire e-journals, newspapers, theses and more. You can limit your results to peer-reviewed materials, filter by year and format,
narrow by additional subject terms and then save, print or email references.

Summon is a good starting point to find material for your research but if you are doing higher level research, you will want to search relevant subject specific databases.

**Search the Web**

Google  
**Google Advanced Search**  
www.google.ca/advanced_search  
Google Scholar  
[scholar.google.ca/](scholar.google.ca/)

By searching Google Scholar through the Queen’s Library website, the "Get It! @ Queen’s" citation link is activated (which allows you to click through to the Library’s subscriptions).

**Evaluate Sources**

Evaluating all of your sources is a crucial step of the research process. Go to the library guide on Evaluating Sources for criteria on how to judge information sources (especially for websites).

**Cite Sources**

Check our *Citation and Style Guides* page at: Help & Services → Help → Citing Sources

MLA is the preferred style of documentation in English literature. Check QCAT for print copies in the library system.

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**TASKS:**

1. Find articles discussing time and space in novels using SUMMON.

2. Find articles on the immigration and class struggle in Ondaatje’s works, and in particular, *In the Skin of a Lion*. List keywords and subjects found.