Medieval Drama: the York and Towneley Cycles
ENGL 290-001

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Finding Books and Journal Articles

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

1. Books

Search QCAT to find specific titles, authors and redefined subjects. For example:
   York medieval texts [search by title]
   “medieval cycle plays” [search by keyword] - revise search!

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 link Databases and enter the title of the database, e.g. MLA.
   (staging or performance) and mystery play* and english

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 Criticism: mystery plays

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.

Searching the Web

Google Advanced Search  www.google.ca/advanced_search
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).

**Evaluating Sources**

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

**Citing Sources**

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

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

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**TASK**

Find articles on the comic elements in the Towneley mystery plays. List keywords and subjects found.