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ATRIUM – the Library’s online catalog; helps you to find books on your subject

Click on **Atrium**. Within **Atrium**, you will be able to reserve books, create a book bag, and get the citation – once you activate a library account with your student ID. If you reserve a book, it will be held for you for 5 days; you must come in and get the book, or it will be re-shelved. You can also request books on Interlibrary Loan from another library and have the books sent to you there. **Atrium** has a **mobile app** as well.

Remember, spelling counts, as the computer is very unforgiving when it comes to spelling errors. Usually, the easiest way to find books is by searching for the information you know. If you know the author’s name, type the **author’s last name first** in the search box. If you do not know the author’s name, you can search by the title, subject, or keyword.

Double click on **Atrium** and type your topic in the search box. If your topic is a person, enter the person’s last name first. Our sample topic today is **The Tell-Tale Heart** by **Edgar Allan Poe**. To find information on this work, you will need to type **Poe Edgar Allan** in the **search box** and click on **Go**. This search results in **110 entries**. Generally, in English classes you will want literature criticism information. In the left column you will see a “**search within**” box, type **criticism** in the box and click on **Go**. Now there are **51 entries**. Scroll through the entries to see if any will be help with your research – perhaps **#3**. The word “In” on the top right of the first entry means the book *should* be on the shelf. Click on **#3**.

Title: Edgar Allan Poe / edited and with an introduction by Harold Bloom.

Series Title: **Bloom's biocritiques**

Age Group: General

Material: Book

Call Numbers: PS 2638 .E32 2002

Subject: 1. Poe, Edgar Allan, 1809-1849--Criticism and interpretation.



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FYI: Books written or edited by Harold Bloom are very good sources for literature criticism.

Write down the complete call number of any book you think might have the information you need. Note that this Library uses **Library of Congress Call Numbers**; most college libraries use this system. The shelves are labeled with the first part of the call number. Go to the shelves and find the book (ASK for assistance if you need it). Look in the back of the book in the **INDEX** to see whether your topic is listed. If there is no **INDEX**, look in the front of the book in the

TABLE OF CONTENTS to see if your topic is listed. If the topic is in the book, turn to the page(s) indicated to see if it will be helpful in your research. If so, check the book out (you must have your FSCC Student ID to check out books).

You can continue looking through the list for additional titles on your topic.

If you need biographical information on your author, you would enter **Poe Edgar Allan** in the search box, click on **Go**, and there are **110 entries**. Then, type **biography** in the “search within” box, click on **Go**, and there are **16 entries**. Click on **#1**:

Title: Edgar Allan Poe : a critical biography / by Arthur Hobson Quinn ; with a new foreword by Shawn Rosenheim.

Author: **Quinn, Arthur Hobson, 1875-1960.**

Age: General

Group:

Material: Book

Call Numbers: PS 2631 .Q5 1998

Subject: 1. Poe, Edgar Allan, 1809-1849. 2. Fantastic literature, American--History and criticism. 3. Authors, American--19th century--Biography.

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WORDS OF WISDOM: Do your research in the Library, so that you do not have to take as many items home with you. The fewer sources you have, the easier it is to narrow down and focus on your topic – **and** the **easier** it is to actually write your paper.

eBook Academic Collection – access over 149,000 academic eBooks

The **eBook Academic Collection** searches on the EBSCO search platform which you may be familiar with from using the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL). Click on the eBook link. Click on **Advanced Search**. Type **Tell-Tale Heart** on the first line and **Poe** on the second line. Click on **full-text**, and then click on **Search**. There is one entry, and it appears to be the work itself, not criticism. Click on **Clear** to begin a new search. Type **Poe** in the first line and **Criticism** in the second line, click on **full-text**, and click on **Search**; there are **86 entries**. HINT: Use HTML items when they are available. Look at #7:

7. [Edgar Allan Poe : Rhetoric and Style](#) *Full Text Available* eBook By: Zimmerman, Brett. Montreal : MQUP. 2005. eBook.
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Click on the **Table of Contents** link; then, scroll down and click on the **Index** link. Scroll through the **Index**. This listing has an **Appendix 2: Paranoid Schizophrenia in "The Tell-Tale Heart"** that you can click on and read through. Or you can click on **Index** and scroll through until you find your title. Once you find the listing for “**The Tell-Tale Heart**” (**Poe**), you can type the page number in the < > at the bottom of the page and press **Enter**. This will take you to more information on your story. Links are available for the book **citation** at the top of the page. You can copy/paste the citation into your Works Cited listing and then add the page numbers of the pages you actually read as a reference source.

Some titles are available in **PDF Full-Text** format and some are available in **EPUB** format. Each format works a little differently. **Be sure to ask a librarian for assistance when you need help.**

MASTERPLOTS – provides brief, critical summaries of various works of literature

Masterplots articles will give a critical summary of a work that you can read through and print out. The article gives information, such as the date the story was first published, meanings of the story, and a critical evaluation of the story. Most English instructors at Faulkner State will allow you to use **Masterplots** as a source; however, it cannot be used at a four-year institution. Masterplots is generally a good starting point to help you understand the story, poem, or work.

We have **two** Masterplots icons; check the online edition first. If your poem/story is not there, check the CD version. Double-click on the **Masterplots Online** icon. You will see a listing of Salem Press literature criticism resources, and Masterplots appears at the end of the first column. Click on **Masterplots, Fourth Edition**. Type the title of your work in the search box (be sure **not** to type the beginning articles *a*, *an*, and *the*); you will type **Tell-Tale Heart**. Four results are listed; the first one is **The Tell-Tale Heart** by **Edgar Allan Poe**. The MLA citation is available on this same page.

If your article is not available in the online edition, you may use the CD version of Masterplots, which is currently available only in the FSCC Library. Double-click on the maroon/gold **Masterplots** icon. Type in the title of your story; be sure **not** to type the *articles a*, *an*, and *the* – begin typing the first “real” word of the title. Type **Tell-Tale Heart** and click on **Enter**, and the “Masterplots Classics” article comes up. The author of the article appears at the bottom right of the article. For citation purposes: the publisher is Salem Press; the place of publication is Pasadena, Calif.; the copyright date is 2000.

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The **AVL** is made up of many online databases that help you with your academic research needs. You can also do your research from home using AVL. If the AVL recognizes you as a resident of Alabama (this will be indicated by a **green check mark on the upper right side** of the screen), you can search the AVL from home **without** an AVL card. If it does not recognize you as being in Alabama or if you are a Faulkner student who lives in another state, you will need an AVL card with user name and password to access the AVL. You may obtain an AVL card at the Library’s Circulation Desk by presenting your current **FSCC Student ID** – it’s free! **Check for AVL availability at home before asking for an AVL card.**

There are several databases within the **AVL** that can help you with this assignment. Whichever databases you select, be sure to choose “full text.” You can also limit your searches to “academic journals” on some of the databases or to “peer-reviewed” or “scholarly articles” on others.

Double click on the **Alabama Virtual Library** icon. Click on **Student Resources** and then click on **College & University Resources**. Click on **Artemis Literary Sources** and then click on

Advanced Search. In the search box beside **Name of work**, type **Tell-Tale Heart**, and in the search box beside **Person by or about**, type **Poe**. Click on **documents with full-text**; scroll down to *Content Type* and click on the down arrow; now, click on ALL to remove all checks and then click only on **Literature Criticism**. Click on **Search**. There are **31 articles** under Literary Criticism; the articles are not numbered. The citations do not always give the exact length of the article, so sometimes you will have to look at the article to determine its length (print preview helps). Look at the **fourth citation** - this article appears to be about 8 pages long. The **MLA citation** is at the bottom of the article. Look at the **third citation**.

- [Ego-Evil and "The Tell-Tale Heart"](#) by Magdalen Wing-chi Ki. [Renaissance: Essays on Values in Literature](#). 61.1 (Fall 2008) p25. Word Count: 6282. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? (Matt 7:3) (1) Those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind. (John 9:39) IN The Metastases of Enjoyment, From *Literature Resource Center*.

Click on the **title** of the entry and note the expanded citation information here. ***Please note:** the Library allows you to print articles that are 5 pages in length or shorter. **IF** the article is longer than five pages, but it fits your research purposes, you could select and print only the actual article or parts of the article you need. You would not need to print such items as *Works Cited*, *Notes*, and *Selected Bibliography*.

Click on **Search Results** at the top left to review the other articles found in this search. You may change the search keywords as needed to find additional information for your research.

Click out of **Artemis Literary Sources**, and click out of the **AVL**. Click on the icon for **Literary Reference Center**.

Literary Reference Center – provides additional academic articles on literary criticism

Click on **Advanced Search**. In the first search box, type **Tell-Tale Heart** and in the second search box, type **Poe**. Click on **Search**. There are **31 articles**. Under *Source Types* in the left margin, click on **Literary Criticism**, and it automatically updates. Now there are **14 entries**. Be sure not to choose an article you already have as a source! Look at **#4**. Hold the cursor over the icon at the end of the title and you will be able to read the abstract (summary) of the article. If you can use this article for your research purposes, click on the title for more information or on the full-text link.

4. [Poe's THE TELL-TALE HEART](#). *Full Text Available* Academic Journal Pritchard, Hollie. *Explicator*, Spring2003, Vol. 61 Issue 3, p144, 4p. (Literary Criticism) **Subjects:** TELL-Tale Heart, The (Short story : Poe); POE, Edgar Allan, 1809-1849; AUTHORS; HUMAN sexuality in literature; ANALOGY; SHORT stories; FICTION [Add to folder](#)Cited References: (6) [HTML Full Text](#) [PDF Full Text](#) (248KB)

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Remember: the Library's general rule for printing is to print articles 5 pages or less. If you find an article that is too long to print, you can skim the article to see if you can use it for your research and then print the part(s) of the article by selecting and printing only the text you need. Some of the articles in **Literary Reference Center** and the **Alabama Virtual Library databases** are very long, so remember to print only what you will use. **If an article is more than 5 pages long, do not print it in the Faulkner Library...because you will most likely not use it. If you need assistance selecting the text to print, ask a librarian.**

GALE LITERARY INDEX – provides additional literary criticism articles; ask for assistance

Gale is a major publisher of literary criticism works; these are published in book form, and many of the Gale titles are held in the Reference section of the Library. The criticisms contained in these books are scholarly and are very helpful for you in your research endeavors. Double click on the **Gale Literary Index** icon, and then single click on **Title Search**. Type the exact title of the work (you must use any beginning articles in the title) you are researching. Type **The Tell-Tale Heart** in the **search box**, click on **Match words exactly as entered**, and click on **Search**. Click on the link **The Tell-Tale Heart; Edgar Allan Poe**. Two articles come up; choose the first one.

Gale series that include a discussion of this work:

Beacham's Encyclopedia of Popular Fiction: Analyses, volume(s) 7:4132-35

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Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism, volume(s)1:500; 16:295, 301, 303, 309-10, 315-16, 319, 328-29, 331-32, 336; 55:172, 202; 78:256-63, 265-70, 272-75, 277-86, 289-90, 294, 296-300; 97:180; 117:320, 322-23; 211: 254-55, 273, 277, 280

Short Stories for Students, volume(s) 4:343-59

Short Story Criticism, volume(s)1:384, 393-94, 408; 34:239-87; 35:307-11, 314, 343, 345-46; 54:198, 218; 88:214, 219, 227, 252; 111:131, 158, 161, 193, 218-19; 156:195, 249; 188:224, 226; 192:271; 198:209; 202:140, 197, 299; 228:188

World Literature Criticism, volume(s) 4:2760-61

This series of citations to the Gale books contain literary criticism on **The Tell-Tale Heart** by **Edgar Allan Poe**. The citations lead you to critical articles in the Gale publications which are shelved in the reference (**REF**) area of the Library – you will need both the article and book citation information. The handout on **Literary Criticism Sources** will assist you in finding many of the Reference books needed – titles and call numbers are provided on the handout.

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