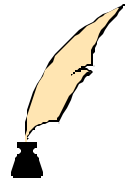




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- **Literature Resource Center**: You can search by author, title, genre, literary movement or literary theme. From the Research page, follow the GaleNet hyperlink and choose the Literature Resource Center.
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