Discovering Collection
Search Tips
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How to use Discovering Collection

Use your library’s Internet browser to go to the Discovering Collection URL. On the home page, you will find several search options.
• Use Keyword Search for less common terms, such as proper names
• Custom Search lets you build a search using up to three fields
• Search within People, Literature and Timeline Events, for more topic-specific information
Tip: Click on “Search Tips” before getting started.

KEYWORD SEARCH
Choose “Keyword Search” from the navigation bar, enter your search term(s) in the entry box and click “Search.” The first three matches will be displayed; you can click “View more” for the full list.

CUSTOM SEARCH
You may enter search terms in up to three fields. For each field you use, select the kind of search you want from the pull-down menu.

PEOPLE
Select “People” from the navigation bar. You may search by Name or use the Identify a Person category.

LITERATURE
Click on “Literature,” and you can search one or all of several categories: Author Biographies, Title Search, Encyclopedia of Literature and Literary Eras.

TIMELINE EVENTS
Use this search to find topics using a Specific Year, one or more Decades, one or more Centuries or by Timeline Event.

TOOLS
On the home page and during your search, you will find more tools to help you. They include:
• Help
• Search Tips
• Merriam-Webster’s® Collegiate Dictionary
• Merriam-Webster’s® Biographical Dictionary
• Merriam-Webster’s® Geographical Dictionary

If you need further assistance with Discovering Collection, please consult your librarian.