Literature Review Tools

A literature review begins with a search for books using the library catalog, Summit, and WorldCat. But in order to conduct a more thorough search, including the journal literature and other source materials, more tools are needed. These sources are especially useful for students of French literature.

√Social Sciences Citation Index (1956 – present)
Multi-disciplinary index covering the journal literature of the social sciences. (Available through Web of Science.)

√JSTOR
This electronic archive of essential academic journals includes several major journals from the field of linguistics.

√Linguistics Abstracts Online (1985 – present)
Online access to 50,000 abstracts from nearly 600 linguistics journals.

√MLA Bibliography (1921 – present)
Index of literary, linguistic and folklore scholarship. MLA covers all languages and all literatures except classical Greek and Latin.

Style Manual

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers
Ref LB2369.G53
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Live Off Campus?

Most of the library’s electronic resources are accessible via the proxy server. For more information, see:
http://library.reed.edu/using/remote.html

Resources marked with a √ are available online. For links and an expanded version of this guide see:
http://library.reed.edu/find/guides/linguistics.html
These subject-specific resources provide easy access to authoritative definitions and concepts used in the methodology and approaches to linguistics.

Concise scholarly articles on historical, comparative, and typological linguistics as well as on applied subdisciplines. Covers core areas such as phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics. Includes bibliographical references, illustrations, and diagrams.

Contains definitions of terms used in linguistics and language study.

A comprehensive multi-volume work covering all aspects of linguistics. It is particularly strong in current concepts. The last volume includes an outline of included articles by broad subject and a list of language-related articles by language family.

**Encyclopedia of Semiotics** Ref P99 .E64 1998
Contains three hundred articles covering a wide range of twentieth-century topics such as the study of signs, communication, and culture. The work also delves into non-Western philosophical and linguistic traditions.


Essentially a collection of linguistic descriptions of “all known ancient languages,” this is a convenient starting place for research on the grammars of ancient languages.

**The Dictionary of Historical and Comparative Linguistics** Ref P143 .T727 2000
The first dictionary to define the terms used by the first branch of linguistics to obtain a scholarly footing. Most of the terms it defines are not listed in existing general or specialized dictionaries of linguistics.

**A Dictionary of Phonetics and Phonology** Ref P216 .T73 1996
A concise dictionary of terms that, in addition, provides an explanation of the important theoretical approaches to phonology.

**Concise Encyclopedia of Grammatical Categories** Ref P240.5 .C66 1999
A collection of articles on the grammatical categories that have been useful for the analysis and description of the structure of languages.

**Compendium of the World's Languages** Ref P371 .C36 2000
The goal of this work is to include all of the world's literary languages, along with some others that lack a literary tradition but are of sufficient interest for inclusion, and explain