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ABSTRACT

This library handbook is a guide for the student majoring in English. It lists some of the more useful materials and reference books basic to general research and gives their location in the Fogler Library at the University of Maine. Materials are listed in ten categories: (1) dictionaries and handbooks, (2) books of quotations, (3) style manuals, (4) book reviews, (5) digests, (6) biographies, (7) indexes, (8) literary criticisms, (9) bibliographies, and (10) collections of early literature. Some items are annotated. (Author/AWP)

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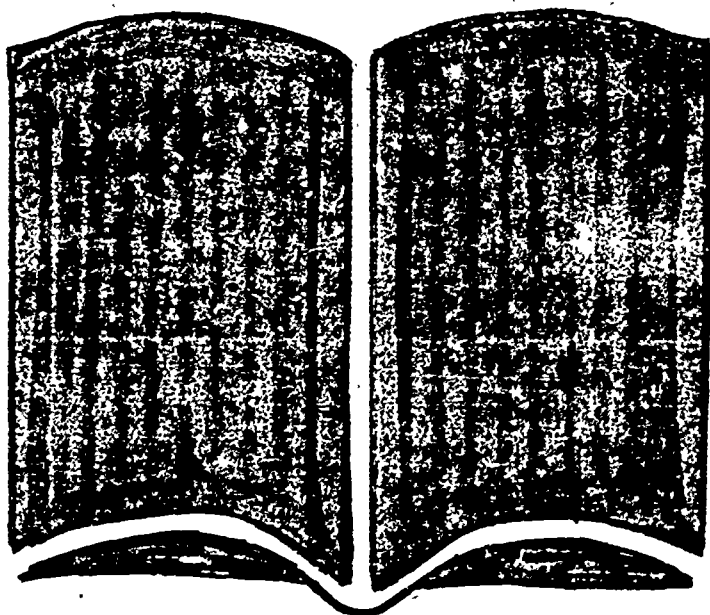
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COVER: The symbol on the cover represents one of  
the International symbols for literature.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

P	Philology and Linguistics (general)
PA	Classical Philology and Literature (Greek and Latin)
PB-PH	Modern European Languages
PJ-PM	Languages and Literature of Asia, Africa, Oceania, America, Mixed Languages, Artificial Languages.
PN-PX	Literary History and Literature
PN	General
PQ	Romance Literatures
PR	English Literatures
PS	American Literatures
PT	German, Dutch and Scandanavian Literatures
PZ	Fiction and Juvenile Literatures

DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

400's	<u>Language</u>
400	Language (general)
410	Linguistics
420	English and Anglo-Saxon
430	Germanic
440	French
450	Italian, Romanian
460	Spanish and Portuguese
470	Italic
480	Classic and Greek
490	Other
800's	<u>Literature and Rhetoric</u>
800	Literature and Rhetoric
810	American Literature in English
820	English and Anglo-Saxon Literature
830	Germanic Languages Literature
840	French etc. Literature
850	Italian etc. Literature
860	Spanish and Portuguese Literature
870	Italic Languages Literature
880	Classical, Modern Greek Literature
890	Literature of other Languages

his library guide is an informal handbook for the major in English. It lists some of the more useful materials and reference works basic to general research and gives their locations in the Fogler Library.

DICTIONARIES, HANDBOOKS, ETC.

A. General

ef Bosworth, Joseph. An Anglo-Saxon dictionary.  
E London, Oxford Univ. Pr., 1972.

79 English words preserved in works written  
52 before 1100 A.D.

Supp.  
Addenda  
o supp.

ef Brewer, Ebenezer Cobham. Reader's hand-  
N book of famous names in fiction, allusion,  
5 proverbs, plots, stories and poems.  
7 London, Chatto, 1923.

23 Identifies characters; provides brief  
synopses of literary works; identifies  
sources from which stories are derived;  
Covers popular dramas, epic poems and  
well-known tales.

ef Freeman, William. Dictionary of fictional  
R characters. Rev. ed. Boston, The Writer,  
1974.

74 Identifies 20,000 fictitious characters  
(incl. non-human creations) from novels,  
short stories, poems and plays of British  
Commonwealth and American authors of the  
last six centuries.

f Holman, C. Hugh. A handbook to literature.  
3d ed. Indianapolis, Odyssey Pr., 1972.  
Brief explanations of words and phrases  
pertinent to the study of English and  
72 American literature.

DICTIONARIES, HANDBOOKS, ETC.

A. General (cont'd.)

- Ref                    Magill, Frank N. Masterplots cyclopedia  
PN                    of literary characters. N.Y. Salem Pr.,  
44                    1963. -  
M34                    Identifies over 16,000 characters from  
1963a                    novels, dramas and epics of world liter-  
Desk                    ature, from the Greeks to the 20th  
                          century. Author and character indexes.
- Ref                    Middle English Dictionary. Ann Arbor,  
PE                    Univ. of Michigan Pr., 1952 (Still in  
679                    progress)  
M54                    Based on a collection of Middle English  
                          quotations, including all those ass-  
                          embled for the Oxford Dictionary.
- Ref                    Roget's International Thesaurus. 4th ed.  
PE                    New York, Crowell, 1977.  
1591  
R73  
1977
- Ref                    Oxford classical dictionary. 2d. ed. Oxford,  
DE                    Clarendon Pr., 1970  
5                      Encyclopedia dictionary of Greek and  
09                      Roman antiquities, literature, mythology,  
1970                      biography, geography, religion, science,  
                          etc. Bibliographies including texts,  
                          translations and criticism given for  
                          the great writers.
- Ref                    Oxford English dictionary. Oxford, Claren-  
PE                    don Pr., 1935. 13v.  
1625                    Gives the history of each word from the  
M7                      date of its introduction into the Eng-  
1933                      lish language. Includes quotations from  
                          all writers before the 16th century, and  
                          from as many as possible of the import-  
                          ant writers since then.

A. General (Cont'd.)

- ef Partridge, Eric. A dictionary of slang  
 E and unconventional English. 7th ed.  
 721 N.Y., Macmillan, 1970.  
 3 • Colloquialisms, catch-phrases, nick-  
 970 names, vulgarisms, and some Americanisms.
- ef Shaw, Harry. Dictionary of literary  
 N. terms. N.Y., McGraw-Hill, 1972.  
 4.5 Definitions of literary terms in current  
 46 use.
- ef Wentworth, Harold: Dictionary of American  
 E slang. 2d. suppl. ed. N.Y., Crowell, 1966.  
 846 Definition of slang words from all periods  
 4 of American history, with emphasis on  
 975 modern slang.

B. Poetry

- ef Princeton encyclopedia of poetry and  
 N poetics. Princeton, N.J., Princeton Univ.  
 021 Pr., 1974.  
 5 Deals with history, theory, technique  
 974 and criticism of poetry from the earliest  
 times to the present. Includes bibliog-  
 raphies.
- ef Spender, Stephen. The concise encyclopedia  
 of English and American poets and poetry.  
 N.Y., Hawthorne Books, 1963.  
 Biographical sketches and short articles  
 on literary forms, movements, etc.

C. Drama

- ef Campbell, Oscar J., ed. Reader's encyclo-  
 92 pedia of Shakespeare. N.Y., Crowell, 1966.  
 A convenient reference to persons, places,  
 literary works, and other subjects rele-  
 vant to Shakespeare.



DICTIONARIES, HANDBOOKS, ETC.

C. Drama (Cont'd.)

- Ref Gessner, John and Edward Quinn, eds.  
PN Reader's encyclopedia of world drama.  
1625 Treats the drama as literature, not as  
G3 theater. Articles of biography, on  
1969 plays, national drama, periods, genre,  
dramatic theory, etc.
- Ref McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of World Drama.  
PN New York, McGraw-Hill, 1972. 4v.  
1625 Critical and biographical material on  
M3 dramatists. For each major dramatist  
there is a biographical sketch, a  
brief critique of his work, a selection  
of synopses of his plays, a bibliography  
of editions, and usually a list of  
critical and biographical works.
- Ref Spevack, Marvin. Harvard concordance to  
Folio Shakespeare. Cambridge, MA., Belknap Pr.  
PR of Harvard Univ. Pr., 1973.  
2892 Covers all plays and poems of Shakespeare  
S62 with special added features: prose-verse  
distinctions, statistics, context.

D. English Literature

- Ref Chambers, Robert. Chamber's cyclopedia of  
PR English literature. London, W.&R. Chambers,  
83 1938. 3v.  
C4 Critical and biographical material on  
1938a authors, articles on literary forms,  
periods, subjects. Chronologically  
arranged.
- Ref Oxford companion to English literature.  
PR 4th ed. Oxford, Clarendon Pr., 1967.  
19 Handbook of English authors, literary  
H3 works and societies, characters in  
1967 fiction, drama, mythology, literary  
allusions, brief summaries of plots in  
fiction, poetry, drama.

DICTIONARIES, HANDBOOKS, ETC.

E. American Literature

Ref Oxford companion to American literature.  
PS 4th ed., rev. and enlarged. N.Y., Oxford  
21 Univ. Pr., 1965.

H3 Includes short biographies and biblio-  
1965 graphies, summaries of important works,  
historical outlines of literary schools  
and movements, literary prizes, etc.

Ref The reader's encyclopedia of American  
PS literature. N.Y., Crowell, 1962.

21 Comprehensive dictionary of American  
R4 authors, critics; literary characters,  
synopses of books, etc.

II. QUOTATIONS

Ref Bartlett, John. Familiar quotations.  
PN Boston, Little, Brown, 1968.

6081 Standard, comprehensive collection.

B27 Arranged chronologically by author.

1968 Keyword index.

Ref Evans, Bergen. Dictionary of quotations.  
PN New York, Delacorte Pr., 1968.

6081 Comprehensive, easy to use. Subject,  
E9 author, topical indexes.

Ref Stevenson, Burton. The home book of  
PN proverbs, maxims and familiar phrases.

6405 N.Y., Macmillan, 1948.

S8

Ref Adler, Mortimer J. Great Treasury of Western  
PN Thought. New York, Bowker, 1977.

6331 A compendium of important statements on  
G675 Man and his institutions.

### III. STYLE MANUALS

- Ref Chicago University Press. A manual of  
Z style.  
253 Comprehensive. Covers bookmaking and  
C57 printing as well as format, footnotes,  
Desk and bibliographies.
- Ref Modern Language Assoc. of America. The  
Z MLA style sheet.  
253 Directions for preparation of books and  
M73 articles, generally adopted by most  
Desk journals of English and American litera-  
ture.
- Ref Turabian, Kate. Manual for writers of  
LB theses, dissertations. 4th ed. Chicago,  
2369 University of Chicago Pr., 1973.  
T8 Designed for undergraduates. Includes  
1973 forms (and examples) for footnotes and  
Desk bibliographies, etc.

### IV. BOOK REVIEWS

- Ref An index to book reviews in the humanities.  
Z Detroit, P. Thomson, v.1-Jan/Mar 1960.  
1035 Reviews of books on art, architecture,  
A1163 biography, dance, drama, folklore,  
history, language, literature, music,  
philosophy, etc., listed alphabetically  
by the author of the work reviewed.
- Ref Book review digest. Minneapolis.  
Z N.Y., H.W. Wilson, 1905-  
1219 Includes fiction and non-fiction,  
C96 arranged alphabetically by author,  
with excerpts from selected reviews.  
Title and subject indexes.

BOOK REVIEWS (Cont'd.)

Ref Book review index. Detroit, Gale,  
Z v. 1 - Jan. 1965 -  
1035 Fiction, non-fiction, popular and  
A1B6 technical books. Arranged alphabetically  
by author.

Ref Current book review citations. N.Y.,  
Z Wilson, v. 1. - 1976 -  
1219 Indexes reviews published in over 1,000  
C87 periodicals, cumulating all reviews in-  
dexed in all other Wilson indexes.  
Covers fiction and non-fiction, including  
science, children's and young adult  
titles, foreign language books and new  
editions.

Ref The New York Times book review. N.Y.,  
Folio Arno Pr., 1973. Oct. 10, 1896-1970. 5v.  
Z Book reviews from the Times, indexed  
1035 by author, title, by-line, subject  
N658 and category.

V. DIGESTS

Ref Magill, Frank N., ed. Masterpieces of  
PN world literature in digest form. 1st ser.-  
44 4th ser. N.Y., Harper, 1952-1960. 4 v.  
M3 Brief critiques and summaries of novels,  
1952 plays, epic poems, tales, etc. from  
Desk Homer to the present.

Ref Masterplots. N.Y., Salem Pr., 1957.  
Z Annual.  
1219 Essay-reviews of 100 outstanding books  
M33 published in the U.S. each year.

DIGESTS (Cont'd.)

Ref Shank, Theodore, ed. A digest of 500  
PN plays. N.Y., Crowell-Collier Pr., 1963.  
6112.5 Significant plays from all periods and  
S42 countries. Arranged by country, in  
chronological order. Author, title  
indexes.

Ref Sprinchorn, Evert., ed. 20th-Century  
PN plays in synopsis. N.Y., Crowell, 1965.  
6112.5 Act-by-act summaries of 133 plays.

VI. BIOGRAPHY

Ref Allibone, Samuel Austin. A critical dictio-  
Z nary of English literature and British and  
1224 American authors... Phil. J.B. Lippin-  
A43 cott, 1897.

A standard older work. Arranged alpha-  
betically by author. Includes short  
biographical sketch, list of works and  
references to critical comment or re-  
views.

Ref Contemporary authors.  
Z Major and minor authors (the only re-  
1224 quirement for inclusion is that one has  
C6 published). Biographical sketch, lists  
of writings, works in progress, critical  
sources. (Ref Z 1224 C59 - 1st revision  
(Ref Z 1224 C62 - Permanent series.)

Ref Contemporary poets. 2d. ed. London,  
PR St. James Pr., 1975.  
106 For each poet: biography, full biblio-  
C62 graphy, signed critical essay, comment  
1975 by the poet (if the poet chose to make  
one).

BIOGRAPHY (Cont'd.)

- Z Contemporary poets of the English language.  
7155 Chicago, London, St. James Pr., 1970.  
CS Biography, publications and some criticism  
for 1100 poets now writing in the English  
language.
- Ref Dictionary of American biography. N.Y.,  
E Scribner's Sons, 1928. 20 v. + suppl.  
176 Includes deceased noteworthy Americans  
D56 of all periods who have lived in the U.S.  
Scholarly, signed articles. Bibliographies.
- Ref Dictionary of national biography. 1908-09  
DA (1938 repr.) 22 v. + suppl.  
28 All deceased noteworthy inhabitants of the  
D4 British Isles and colonies, incl. noteworthy  
Americans of the colonial period. Signed  
articles by specialists. Excellent biblio-  
graphies. Most important reference work for  
English biography.
- Ref Kunitz, Stanley J. American authors, 1600-  
PS 1900. N.Y., Wilson, 1938.  
21 Articles and brief bibliographies of  
K8 works by and about authors.
- Ref Kunitz, Stanley J. British authors before  
PR 1800. N.Y. Wilson, 1952.  
105 Informal sketches of the authors with  
K9 bibliographies of their principal works  
and brief citations for works about the  
author.
- Ref Kunitz, Stanley J. British authors of the  
PR nineteenth century. N.Y., Wilson, 1936.  
451 Biographies and portraits with brief  
K8 bibliographies.  
1936

BIOGRAPHY (Cont'd.)

- Ref Kunitz, Stanley J., ed. European authors,  
PN 1000-1900. N.Y., Wilson, 1967.  
451 Biographies of authors of continental  
K8 Europe with bibliographies which include  
listing and evaluation of translations.
- Ref Kunitz, Stanley J. Twentieth century  
PN authors. N.Y., Wilson, 1942.  
771 Writers of this century from all  
K86 countries. Includes principal works  
and additional sources of information.  
1st suppl. Ref PN 771 K86s
- Ref New century cyclopedia of names. N.Y.,  
PE Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1954. 3v.  
1625 Identifies more than 100,000 proper  
C43 names: persons, places, historical  
events, mythological and legendary  
persons and places, works of art, etc.
- Ref Vinson, James. Contemporary dramatists.  
PR London, St. James Pr., 1973.  
106 For each poet: biography, full biblio-  
V5 graphy, signed critical essay, comment  
by the dramatist (if he chose to make  
one).
- Ref Vinson, James. Contemporary novelists.  
PR London, St. James Pr., 1972  
737 For each novelist: biography, full  
V5 bibliography, signed critical essay,  
comment by the novelist (if he chose  
to make one).

## VII. INDEXES TO WORKS

These indexes will lead you to copies of individual poems, plays, short stories, etc., most of which appear in anthologies.

Ref      Chicorel index to short stories in antholo-  
Z            gies and collections. 1st ed. N.Y.  
5917      Chicorel Library Pub. Co., 1974.  
S5  
C44

Ref      Chicorel theater index to plays in periodi-  
Z            cals. 1st ed. N.Y., Chicorel Library  
5781      Pub. Co., 1973.  
C487      Covers periodicals chiefly from 1900 to  
            to the present.

Ref      Chicorel theater index to plays in antholo-  
Z            gies, periodicals, discs and tapes.  
5781      N.Y., Chicorel Library Pub. Co., v.1,  
C485      1970+  
            International in scope, from antiquity  
            to the present.

Ref      Firkins, Ina Ten Eyck, comp. Index to  
Z            plays 1800-1926. N.Y., Wilson, 1927.  
5781      Index to plays in English, with transla-  
A1F5      tions of foreign plays.

Ref      Grangers index to poetry. 1940+  
PN        Indexes a large number of standard and  
1021      popular poetry collections, by author,  
G7        title, first line and subject, for each  
            poem.

Ref      Logasa, Hannah, comp. Index to one-act  
Z            plays. Boston, F.W. Faxon, 1924.  
5781      Title, author and subject indexes to  
L83      one-act plays written in or translated  
            into English, published since 1900.  
            Covers 1900-1964, with supplements.



## INDEXES TO WORKS' (Cont'd.)

Ref Ottemiller, John H. Ottemiller's index to  
Z plays in collections. 5th ed., rev. and  
5781 enl. Metuchen, N.J., Scarecrow Pr., 1971.  
08 Author and title index to plays appearing  
in collections published between 1900  
and mid-1970. Includes plays from  
ancient to modern times.

Ref Short story index. N.Y., Wilson, 1953-  
Z 5v. + supp.  
5917 Author, title and in many cases, sub-  
55C6 ject index to short stories published  
in 1949 or earlier. Supplements bring  
it up to 1973.

Ref Sutton, Roberts. Speech index. N.Y.,  
AI Scarecrow Pr., 1966 (+supp. 1966-70)  
3 Index to 259 collections of world famous  
585 orations and speeches for various  
occasions. Indexed by author, subject,  
and type of speech.

### VIII. CRITICISM

#### A. Indexes to Criticism

Per-R Abstracts of English Studies. Urbana,  
National Council of Teachers of English.  
1958. v.1-  
Abstracts of articles in American and  
foreign periodicals on English, Common-  
wealth, and American Literature. Sketch  
subject index in each issue.

Per-R British humanities index. 1968-72 (incom-  
plete), 1974-  
Indexes some 275 British periodicals,  
including many in local history.

## CRITICISM

### A. Indexes to Criticism (Cont'd.)

- Ref            Essay and general literature index. N.Y.,  
AI            Wilson, 1900-33-  
3            Indexes essays and articles in collected  
E752           works by author, subject and some titles.  
             Useful for analytical material on a sub-  
             ject, biographical and critical matter  
             about persons, criticisms of individual  
             books.
- Per-R        Humanities index. 1974-  
             Formerly, Social sciences and humanities  
             index; International index.  
             Author and subject index to periodicals  
             of a more scholarly type than those in  
             Reader's Guide. Covers all fields in the  
             humanities. Its counterpart is Social  
             Sciences index, 1974-
- Per-R        International index. 1920-1964.  
             See: Humanities index.
- Ref            Modern Language Assoc. of America. MLA  
Z-            international bibliography. N.Y., New  
7006        York Univ. Pr., 1921+  
M64           Critical selections from books and  
             approximately 1150 periodicals, in  
             English, French, German, Spanish,  
             Italian, Portuguese, Rumanian, Scandi-  
             navian, Dutch, Celtic and 10 East  
             European languages. Annual.
- Per-R        Poolès index to periodical literature.  
             1802-1906.  
             Index to American and English periodicals  
             of the 19th century. Arranged by subject  
             for non-fiction. Fiction, poetry and  
             drama are entered under the first distinct-  
             ive word of the title. Book reviews are  
             under the name of the author or the subject  
             of the book.

## CRITICISM

### A. Indexes to Criticism (Cont'd.)

- Per-R Reader's guide to periodical literature.  
1900-  
Indexes magazines of a popular nature by  
subject, author and title.
- Per-R Social sciences and humanities index.  
1964-1974.  
See: Humanities index.

### B. General

- Ref Contemporary literary criticism. Detroit,  
PN 771 Gale, CLC 1- 1973-  
C59 Excerpts from published criticism of  
work by well-known writers, writers of  
considerable public interest and writers  
about whose work criticism is hard to  
locate.
- Ref The explicator cyclopedia. Chicago,  
PR Quadrangle, 1966-1968. 3v.  
401 Explains and interprets literature of  
E9 all periods. Index for the first 20  
volumes of The explicator, arranged by  
writer.
- Ref Kuntz, Joseph. Poetry explication; A  
Z checklist of interpretation since 1925 of  
2014 British and American poems past and present.  
P7K8 Indexes poetry explications printed  
from 1925-1959 in literary periodicals  
and books.
- Ref Cline, Gloria Stark. An index to Criti-  
PR cisms of British and American Poetry.  
89 Metuchen, N.J., Scarecrow, 1973.  
C5 A ready reference source for criticisms  
of poems by British and American poets.

## CRITICISM

### B. General (Cont'd.)

- Ref Moulton, Chas. Wells, Library of literary  
PR criticism of English and American authors.  
83 N.Y., Ungar, 1966. 4v.  
M73 Biographical data and selected excerpts  
1966 from criticism of authors writing be-  
tween 680-1904.
- Ref Coleman, Arthur. Drama Criticism. Chicago,  
Z Swallow, 1971. 2v.  
1231 A bibliography of literary criticism that  
D7C6 has appeared in journals and books since the  
1940's.
- Ref Thurston, Jarvis. Short fiction criticism;  
Z A checklist of interpretation since 1925  
5917 of stories and novelettes. 1800-1958.  
S5T5 Denver, A. Swallow, 1960.  
Lists critical articles in periodicals  
and books on American, British and conti-  
nental stories no longer than 150 pages.  
Covers 1800-1958.
- Ref Walker, Warren S. Twentieth-Century Short  
Z Story Explication; Interpretations 1900-1975,  
5917 of short fiction since 1800. 3rd edition,  
S5 Hamden, Conn., Shoe String, 1977.  
W33 Lists critical articles on short stories  
1977 written by over eight hundred and fifty  
authors.

### C. English

- Ref Temple, Ruth Z., ed. Library of literary  
PR criticism: Modern British literature.  
473 N.Y., Ungar, 1966. Suppl., 1975 4v.  
T4 A sequel to Moulton's Library of literary  
criticism. Excerpts from critical materials  
in popular and scholarly journals, covering  
British authors of the 20th century.

## CRITICISM

### D. American.

Ref Curley, Dorothy N., comp. Library of  
PS literary criticism: Modern American  
221 literature. 4th enl. ed. N.Y. Ungar, 1969.  
C8 Same as above (Temple), for American  
1969 authors of the 20th century.

Ref Palmer, Helen H. American Drama Criticism  
Z Hamden, Conn., Shoe String, 1967.  
1231 A quick source of interpretations publi-  
D7P3 shed between 1890-1975.

Ref Adelman, Irving. The Contemporary Novel;  
Z a checklist of critical literature on the  
1231 British and American novel since 1945.  
F4 Metuchen, Scarecrow, 1972.  
A34 Includes book materials and periodical  
articles.

Ref Gerstenberger, Donna. The American Novel;  
Z A checklist of 20th-century criticism.  
1231 Denver, A. Swallow, 1961-70. 2v.  
F4G4 A two-part checklist: Criticism of  
authors (individual novels, general  
studies, bibliographies); general  
studies of the American novel as a  
genre.

## IX. HISTORY

Ref Cambridge history of American literature.  
PS N.Y., G.P. Putnam's Sons. 1917-21. 4v.  
88 An important history of American litera-  
C3 ture, from the colonial period to the  
later 19th century. Extensive biblio-  
ographies.

## HISTORY (Cont'd.)

- Ref Cambridge history of English literature.  
PR N.Y., G.P. Putnam's Sons. 1907-17. 15v.  
83 The most important general history of  
C22 the literature, from the earliest period  
to the end of the 19th century. Ex-  
tensive bibliographies.
- Ref Jones, Howard Mumford. Guide to American  
Z literature and its background since 1890.  
I225 4th ed., rev. and enl. Cambridge, Harvard  
J65 Univ. Pr., 1972.  
1972 Material covering political, intellectual  
and sociological backgrounds of American  
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