

## **What is MLA Bibliography?**

An index to scholarly articles, books, chapters in books and dissertations published worldwide about modern (since about 1500 A.D) languages and literature. In addition MLA Bib. indexes scholarly sources about linguistics and folklore.

## **Where can I access it?**

MLA Bibliography is one of the online databases available via GALILEO, Georgia's virtual library.

## **Are all the articles and books available full text online within the MLA Bibliography database? Are abstracts included with the references to the articles?**

No.

## **Why would I want to search MLA Bibliography?**

If you want to search a very extensive listing of published, scholarly sources in this discipline. It is very complete for scholarship written since 1960, so if there is some criticism about an author published somewhere, you'll find it listed here.

## **How extensively is MLA Bibliography indexed?**

### **Or, Why can't I find anything about my topic when searching MLA?**

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