Do you have a Literature assignment?

This detailed PowerPoint describes the steps to locating literature criticism in Gale Virtual Reference Library.
Finding Literature Criticism In Gale Virtual Reference Library
What is literature criticism?

Criticism is a specific type of writing and is identified in GVRL as the Document Type - Critical Essay.
Find the CCTC Electronic Library

- myCCTC – Library tab
  https://mycctc.cctech.edu

- LibGuides
  http://cctech.libguides.com

- College website – Library web page
  http://www.cctech.edu/resources/library

- D2L – My Home Page
  (D2L is on the Student tab of myCCTC)

- Off-campus access is available with EZproxy login.
  Enter your myCCTC username and password to view the collection.
Go To Gale Virtual Reference Center

- On the Library Tab of myCCTC find GVRL in the Electronic Books section  or

- On CCTC LibGuides find GVRL in the Popular Databases box  or

- On the College web site find GVRL by clicking on the
  1. Library link
  2. Library Resources
  3. Databases A-Z and by Subject and then in the Popular Databases box
Get Started

Select Literature from the Collections box on the right side of the screen.
Select a Series

- Select Poetry for Students if you are studying a poem
  - or
- Select Short Stories for Students if you are studying a short story
  - or
- Select Drama for Students if you are studying a drama
Enter the Title of Your Selection

For this example, the series *Short Stories for Students* is selected.

Enter the title “Yellow Wallpaper” in the Tools search box.
Click on the title, “The Yellow Wallpaper,” to open the document.
What is included?

• The document shows information for your citation (Important: additional documentation is listed with each essay)

• An index for the 17 pages of content

To find Critical Essay information click on the word Criticism.
There Are Three Individual Criticism Essays

1. Essay 1 by Rena Korb
Rena Korb discusses "The Yellow Wallpaper" as a story of female confinement and its effects on the narrator. Korb notes that Charlotte Perkins Gilman wrote the story to challenge the societal norms of her time, and the narrator experiences a mental breakdown due to her confinement. Gilman's work, according to Korb, was ahead of its time in its exploration of mental health issues.

Source: Rena Korb, for Short Stories for Students, Gale Research, 1997.

2. Essay 2 by Greg Johnson
In his essay, Greg Johnson argues that the narrator in "The Yellow Wallpaper" experiences a form of prostitution as diagnosed by the doctor. He explores how the narrator's mental breakdown is a result of societal pressures and the lack of support from her husband. Johnson's essay provides a critical analysis of the themes of social confinement and mental health.

3. Essay 3 by Linda Wagner-Martin
Linda Wagner-Martin takes a different approach in her essay, focusing on the psychological aspects of the story. She argues that the narrator's breakdown is a result of her inability to express her true feelings and the societal expectations placed on women during the 19th century. Wagner-Martin's essay also discusses the psychological toll of the narrator's confinement.

Note: The next slide explains more about these selections.
Making Your Choice

- Read each essay
- Decide which essay or essays will support your paper topic
- Important: You may choose one essay or all three essays, depending on your needs, as each essay will count as a separate source, even though you have found all three in the same online series, (this example was for the series, *Short Stories for Students*)
- Continue searching for other essays in the database to support your topic

- When in doubt about your assignment, ask your instructor for clarification
Contact CCTC Library

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