This is a tutorial from the librarians at Lone Star College—North Harris. The purpose of this tutorial is to teach you how to use the database Bloom’s Literary Reference Online.

This database is a compilation of literature reference books and critical guides, many of them edited by the famous literary critic Harold Bloom.

To search this database, click on Advanced Search.

As an example, let’s search for literary criticism on the issue of class in the novel Pride and Prejudice. Type Pride and Prejudice and class into the first search bar.

Then limit your search results to Analyses and Criticism.

Now click on Search.

Here are the search results. The database has returned 182 search results.

The first one is entitled Pride and Prejudice: Jane Austen’s Patrician Hero. To view it, click on the title.

Here is the critical essay. To email the article to yourself, click on Email.

To view a printer-friendly version of the article, click on Print.