

## English Literature 13270 Del Bello - Gothic novels and Detective Fiction ONLINE RESOURCES and USEFUL TOOLS FINAL

**Online resources** (other links may be posted on Moodle)

### GOTHIC

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-oXVyv09j8-bPluPKH8-EM5Qr9huW8cD>

### DETECTIVE FICTION

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-oXVyv09j8-TILQEaj\\_RiXUdbzMBh2Im](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-oXVyv09j8-TILQEaj_RiXUdbzMBh2Im)

### THEORY (READING NOVELS, REPRESENTATION, GENDER, RACE, CLASS AND OTHER ISSUES)

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-oXVyv09j89M5e7v6gODTzy7M661Z\\_VG](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-oXVyv09j89M5e7v6gODTzy7M661Z_VG)

**Project Gutenberg:** Provides free access to classic Gothic and Detective fiction texts, allowing for easy reference and reading.

**Merriam-Webster Dictionary:** Provides definitions and explanations for terms encountered in Gothic and Detective fiction.

**LiteraryDevices.net:** Offers a comprehensive list of literary devices with examples. This resource is basic. For a better, in-depth discussion of literary devices and all aspects of poetry and poetics, see:

Preminger, Alex, and T. V. F. Brogan, eds. *The New Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics*. Princeton, N.J: Princeton University Press, 1993.

<https://archive.org/details/princetonencyclo00riti>

### MONOLINGUAL (ENG-ENG) dictionaries

1) **Oxford English Dictionary (OED).** The ultimate reference dictionary of the English (mainly British, but also American) language: a historical dictionary which lists first recorded occurrences for each word. It is freely accessible as part of the University of Bergamo Library Resources: <https://www-oed-com.ezproxy.unibg.it/>

### ENGLISH/ITALIAN dictionary:

1) **WordReference.Com:** <https://www.wordreference.com/> Excellent resource. A scholarly source, which includes slang, and links to chat forums where speakers discuss words, phrase and possible translations.

2) **Il Picchi: Dizionario Inglese-Italiano/Italiano-Inglese** (Hoepli). The best bilingual dictionary for studies in the humanities. See : <https://www.elexico.com/dl/it/picchi>

alternatively:

3) **Il Ragazzini (Zanichelli).** General reference dictionary. It is freely accessible as part of the University of Bergamo Library Resources. See:

<https://u-ubidictionary-com.ezproxy.unibg.it/viewer/#/dictionary/zanichelli.ilragazzini16>

**For students who wish to start working on a possible thesis or dissertation:**

The Gothic Library: <https://www.thegothiclibrary.com/>

**JSTOR:** Offers a vast collection of scholarly articles and essays on Gothic and Detective fiction for in-depth research.

See also the bibliography listed in the course READING LIST.

## Useful Online Resources for English Literature Students

### 1. The Internet Archive

**Description:** The Internet Archive is a vast digital library offering free access to a wide array of literary texts, including books, articles, manuscripts, and more. It serves as a repository for historical and out-of-print materials.

**Why It's Useful:** Students can access rare and obscure literary works that may not be available elsewhere, aiding in research and exploration of diverse literary traditions.

**Limitations/Drawbacks:** The quality and reliability of texts can vary, and not all materials are peer-reviewed. Additionally, some texts may be incomplete or poorly scanned, impacting readability and usability.

**Website:** <https://archive.org/>

### 2. Wikipedia

**Description:** Wikipedia is a collaborative online encyclopedia covering a vast range of topics, including literature. It provides introductory information, summaries, and bibliographic references.

**Why It's Useful:** Wikipedia offers quick overviews of literary topics, authors, movements, and works, making it a useful starting point for research. It often includes links to primary and secondary sources for further exploration.

**Limitations/Drawbacks:** Since it can be edited by anyone, Wikipedia entries may contain inaccuracies or biases. Therefore, it should be used critically and supplemented with other reputable sources.

**Website:** <https://en.wikipedia.org/>

### 3. Google Scholar

**Description:** Google Scholar is a freely accessible search engine that indexes scholarly articles, theses, books, and conference papers across various disciplines, including literature.

**Why It's Useful:** Students can find academic literature relevant to their research topics, access peer-reviewed articles, and explore citations to discover related works.

**Limitations/Drawbacks:** While Google Scholar provides access to a wide range of academic sources, not all content may be freely available in full text. Some articles may require a subscription or institutional access, limiting accessibility for certain users.

**Website:** <https://scholar.google.com/>

### 4. Google Books

**Description:** Google Books is a digital library that offers access to millions of books, including both public domain and copyrighted material. Users can search, preview, and sometimes read full texts online.

**Why It's Useful:** Google Books provides access to a vast collection of literary works, allowing students to explore texts, conduct keyword searches, and access book previews to determine relevance.

**Limitations/Drawbacks:** While Google Books offers extensive coverage, full access to copyrighted materials may be limited. Users may only be able to view snippets or previews of certain books, restricting complete access to texts for academic purposes.

**Website:** <https://books.google.com/>

These resources offer valuable support for English literature students, but it's essential to approach them critically and supplement their use with other reputable academic sources to ensure comprehensive research and analysis.

The best free bibliography manager program is arguably ZOTERO. It is the perfect tool for collecting, organizing, citing bibliographic records (books, articles, magazines) and for automatically generating a bibliography.

Zotero helps you manage your research sources efficiently. It allows you to save and organize references from various sources such as books, articles, and websites with just a click. One of the key benefits of Zotero is its ability to generate citations and bibliographies automatically in different citation styles like APA, MLA, or Chicago.

This feature saves you time and ensures accuracy in your academic writing. Moreover, Zotero enables easy collaboration, allowing you to share your research library with peers or instructors seamlessly. In simple terms, Zotero helps you stay organized, saves time, and ensures your research is well-documented and properly cited. <https://www.zotero.org/>