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English 1050 Research: *Locating biographical, historical and interpretive information*
Nadine Gordimer and Gabriel García-Márquez

Part I. Go to Subject Guides / English / Biographies

- **The Dictionary of Literary Biography Complete Online:** biographical, contextual and thematic information about your author, including his/her Nobel Lecture. (The official website for the Nobel Prize is www.nobelprize.org)
- **The Literature Resource Center:** information about your author, themes and works.
- **Literature Online:** more information about your author: browse the Author A to Z list.
- In Literature Online, to find interpretative journal articles, select Search / Criticism and Reference / Click on “Criticism” Type in your **writer’s name** under “Subject” and plug in the **work title** or a significant word from the title in “Keywords.”

Part II. E-Reference Resources (The titles listed below can also be found via the library catalog.)

- **History:** Historical and political context for countries and themes:
The Oxford Companion to the Politics of the World; A Dictionary of Contemporary World History; Countries and Their Cultures; A Guide to the Countries of the World, Encyclopedia of Activism and Social Justice; Encyclopedia of Race and Racism; New Dictionary of the History of Ideas.
- **Literature or English Language Reference:** Literary themes, genres, writers, terms
Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms (What is “magical realism”?)

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- Online through library catalog: *The Cambridge Companion to Postcolonial Literary Studies*; *The Cambridge Companion to Gabriel García Márquez*; *The Cambridge Companion to the African Novel*

Also, in print: *Handbook of Latin American literature* -- Reference (first floor) PQ7081.A1 H36 1992 ; *Encyclopedia of Latin American literature* Reference (first floor) PQ7081.A1 E56 1997

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