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Reference Sources

Reference Sources can focus your topic by giving you a concise overview, background information, facts and statistics, definitions and correct spellings.

Call Number	Title
Reference	<i>Located in the Reference Stacks.</i>
REF B51.O94	The Oxford Companion to Philosophy
REF PN50.L574	Literature and Its Times
REF PN56.M95.D4813	Companion to Literary Myths, Heroes and Archetypes
REF PN56.P55	Beacham's Encyclopedia of Popular Fiction
REF PN56.4.H37	Characters in 20 th -Century Literature
REF PR6039.E926.P87	J.R.R. Tolkien Encyclopedia
Reserve Books	<i>Located behind the Circulation Desk; Available for room-use only.</i>
REF PR6039.O32.L6332	The Lord of the Rings: The Mythology of Power
REF PR6039.O32.L6372	Hobbits, Elves and Wizards: Exploring the Wonders and Worlds of J.R.R. Tolkien's <i>The Lord of the Rings</i>
REF PR6039.O32.Z624	War and the Works of J.R.R. Tolkien
REF PR6039.O32.Z698	Tolkien's Art: A Mythology for England
REF PR6039.O32.Z8238	J.R.R. Tolkien: Author of the Century
REF PR6039.O32.Z824	The Road to Middle Earth: [How J.R.R. Tolkien Created a New Mythology]
REF PR6039.O32.Z839	Tolkien and the Invention of Myth: A Reader

Reference Databases

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Database Name	Description
Credo Reference	A cross-searchable database of e-reference works from the best publishers in reference
Literary Reference Center	Comprehensive database that combines information from over 1,000 books and monographs, major literary encyclopedias and reference works
Literature Criticism Online	Gale's database of e-reference works in literary criticism; includes <i>Contemporary Literary Criticism</i> and <i>Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism</i> ; for best results, search by Named Work or Named Author
Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy	Covers Anglo-American, ethical and political, cross-cultural, interdisciplinary, continental and contemporary philosophy

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Article Databases

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Database Name	Description
Academic Search Premier	multi-disciplinary database provides full text for more than 4,500 journals
JSTOR	Includes full-text articles in Language & Literature, and Philosophy
ProQuest	multi-disciplinary full-text database

Sample Searches

- ✓ "lord of the rings"
- ✓ tolkien and philosophy
- ✓ "lord of the rings" and themes
- ✓ tolkien and literary criticism
- ✓ frodo and sam
- ✓ (gollum or smeagol) and good and evil

Internet Sources

Remember to carefully evaluate information found on the Internet. Unlike most traditional print sources, Internet sources may not go through any review process before the information is made available to the public.

Web Site	Address
The Encyclopedia of ARDA: An Interactive Guide to the Works of J.R.R. Tolkien	www.glyphweb.com/arda
The Galilean Library: Philosophy Manuscripts	www.galilean-library.org/philosophy.php
Internet Ethics Sources	www.mchenry.edu/Faculty/jgould/InternetEthicsResources.htm
National Geographic Tolkien Timeline	www.nationalgeographic.com/ngbeyond/rings/timeline.html
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy	plato.stanford.edu/
The Tolkien Library	www.tolkienlibrary.com
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