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**The Awakening**  
 Author: Chopin, Kate  
 Originally Published: 1899  
 Genre: Novel

Read Work

Critics generally regard Kate Chopin's novel *The Awakening* as an important and influential work of American fiction, as well as a landmark book in the history of women's literature. First published in 1899, *The Awakening* relates the story of Edna Pontellier, a young woman who struggles for personal freedom and self-discovery in the repressive atmosphere of late nineteenth-century America. Chopin explores several groundbreaking themes in the novel, such as female sexuality, guiltless adultery, and the conflict between marriage and motherhood, on the one hand, and self-fulfillment, on the other. As a result of its open treatment of these themes, *The Awakening* has been lionized as a pivotal work of feminist literature. The novel has also been praised for its formal...

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## UNDERSTAND THE AUTHORS

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**Maya Angelou**

Author: Crane, Skinner  
Date: 2022

From: *Contemporary Literary Criticism* (Vol. 322.)  
Publisher: Gale, part of Cengage Group

Document Type: Biography  
Length: 2,316 words

EXPLORE

ABOUT THIS PERSON

Born: April 04, 1928 in St. Louis, Missouri, United States  
 Died: May 28, 2014 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, United States  
 Nationality: American

Occupation: Writer  
 Other Names: Johnson, Marguerite Johnson, Marguerite Ann Johnson, Marguerite Annie

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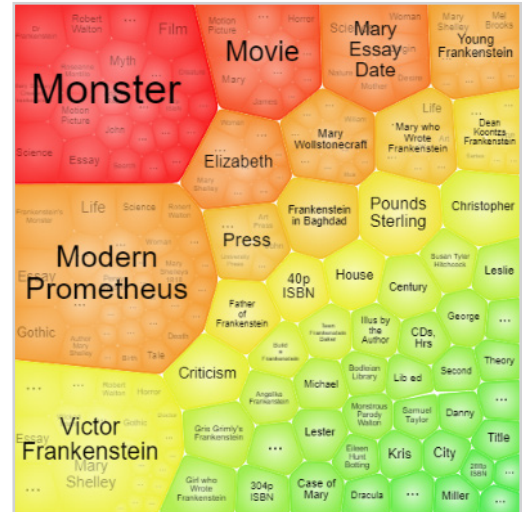
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# SEARCH

Start with a **Basic Search** and select **Filter Your Results** options to narrow your results. **Topic Finder** generates a visual representation of your search by topic and subtopic.

Use **Advanced Search** to customize your search. Options include **Name of Work**, **Entire Document**, and **Author**. Add more options like **Document Type** to limit results further.

The screenshot shows the Gale Literature Resource Center search results for 'edgar allan poe'. It displays 2,731 literature criticism results, sorted by relevance. A sample result for 'The Fall of the House of Usher' is shown, including its author (Edgar Allan Poe and Mary Camille Beckman), date (2017), and a brief description. The page also features a 'Filter Your Results' section with options for Subjects, Person-About, Author-Items By, and Publication Title, along with a 'Suggested Topics' section with image thumbnails.



# BROWSE

View **Featured Works** and **Topics** on the **Homepage**, and select the orange **Browse** buttons to see full lists.

The screenshot shows the 'Featured Works' section on the homepage. It features a 'Browse Works' button and a featured work titled 'The Yellow Wallpaper'. The description states: 'The Yellow Wallpaper' is a classic work of feminist literature by Gilman, a social reformer, essayist, fiction writer, and poet. The story is partly autobiographical, dramatizing the "rest cure" that Gilman underwent. A book cover for 'The Yellow Wallpaper and Other' is displayed to the right.

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Prostitution in Nineteenth-Century Literature	True-Crime Lit

# ORGANIZE

Click a result's title to view the article. Then use tools like Highlights and Notes, Citation, Google/Microsoft Integration, and Text Manipulation to organize your research.

The screenshot shows the 'Overview' section for the article 'To Be Young, Gifted and Black: An Informal Autobiography of Lorraine Hansberry (1969)'. The text describes the book as an informal autobiography adapted by Hansberry's ex-husband, Robert Nemiroff, which collects portions of the writer's plays, her unpublished autobiographic novel, and snippets of letters, journals, essays, poetry, and interviews. A note-taking tool is overlaid on the text, showing a highlighted section and a text input field with a 'Save' button.

The screenshot shows the 'Send To...' dialog box. It offers three options for sharing the document: Google Drive™, OneDrive™, and Email. Each option is accompanied by its respective logo.

The screenshot shows the text manipulation settings panel. It includes options for 'Colors' (with a color picker), 'Font' (with radio buttons for Open Sans, EB Garamond, Open Dyslexic, and Noto Sans), and 'Line Spacing', 'Letter Spacing', and 'Word Spacing' (each with a slider). There are 'Back to Default Settings' and 'Done' buttons at the bottom.