



Searching The Digital Collections: Text Searching

Definition

The text collection includes literary, historical, and critical works that may be read online. Using the text search forms allows you to search the *transcribed contents* of the texts, as well as *metadata* describing them.

URLs

The Basic Text Search can be accessed from <http://lib.virginia.edu/digital/collections/text/>

The Advanced Text Search can be accessed from
<http://lib.virginia.edu/digital/collections/text/advanced-search.html>

Search Rules:

Search on a SINGLE WORD –or– an EXACT PHRASE

Search is not case sensitive (capitalization does not matter) and quotation marks are not needed for phrases

Default search is RIGHT TRUNCATED

Searching on **hen** returns results including *hen, hens, Henry, Henrietta, etc.*

Turn off right truncation by typing a period at the end of your search term

Searching on **hen.** returns only results for *hen*

Basic Search

Basic search allows you to enter a *single keyword*, *author name*, or *title* or an *exact keyword*, *author name*, or *title phrase* to quickly search the digital text collections. This is a search with no limits.

You must choose a set of texts to search. You can limit your search by a category of texts (Prose & Non-fiction or Poetry & Verse), or to a specific sub-collection (American Poetry, Westward Exploration, etc.).

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keyword:

author:

title:

**Choose scope of search
(required):**

Number of results
on each page:

Advanced Search

Advanced search allows you to enter *multiple single words* or *exact phrases*, as well as offering the ability to limit a search by scope, proximity, or collection.

Compound searching:	Enter a second word or phrase to combine with the first
Proximity searching:	For the second word or phrase, you have the additional option of specifying a proximity relationship – <i>near</i> , <i>not near</i> , <i>followed by</i> , or <i>not followed by</i> – and the number of characters (40, 80, 100)
Constrain the search:	by author name, title, or "first published" date range

You can choose how many items you see at a time in your search results – 25, 50, or 100.

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It is not necessary use to all the boxes.

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Advanced Search

Search for word or phrase:

For compound searching:
 Enter second word or phrase:

Choose proximity:
 near
 within characters of first term

Constrain by author name:

and/or title:

and/or "first published" date range:
 begin date:
 end date:

Choose scope of search:

Number of results on each page: