

LitFinder is a clearinghouse for poetry, short stories, essays, plays, and speeches.

Audience: middle school through college and the general public.

There are several ways to search Lit Finder. You can choose from the following options:

- When you first enter the Lit Finder database, you will see the Basic Search page. The Basic Search will also appear at the top of all of your results pages so that you can do a new search at any time. To use Basic Search, enter any word(s) or phrase in the search window and hit the arrow key.
- Each Section has its own tab on the top of the page. This allows you to go into a section and search within that area only. For example, by visiting the "Stories" module, you would search for short stories only.
- Once at Lit Finder's Home Page, you will always have the option to browse through the different modules. On the left margin you could pick a specific module, such as poems. Under the basic search box there are also categories you could browse through, such as genre, subject or contemporary work.
- Kids' Korner is a subject hierarchy that provides access to poetry by appealing categories for children. To use Kids' Korner, select a topic from the first level such as "Animals." The next level will appear from which you can select "Dogs." Kids' Korner will then give you all poems in the database for which "Dogs" is the subject.

Category tabs

Enter Search terms

Limit Search terms by category

Browse by category, genre, subject, contemporary work, or the Kid's Korner

When using the search function it is not necessary to know the full title of a work. Partial titles will yield results. In addition to primary source literature, LitFinder includes essays, explanations and glossary entries.

Search results for the basic search “j alfred prufrock”:

REFINE RESULTS

BASIC SEARCH ADVANCED SEARCH

j alfred prufrock

Poems Essays Speeches
 Stories Plays All

results:

POEMS Results: 173 items

AUTHOR	POEM TITLES
BAILEY, ALFRED GOLDSWORTHY	VARIATIONS ON A THEME
ELIOT, THOMAS STEARNS	THE LOVE SONG OF J. ALFRED PRUFROCK
ELIOT, THOMAS STEARNS	LET US GO THEN, FROM THE LOVE SONG OF J. ALFRED PRUFROCK
ELIOT, THOMAS STEARNS	THE CHAMBERS OF THE SEA, FROM THE LOVE SONG OF J. ALFRED PRUFROCK
MIDDLETON, CHRISTOPHER	ON BREAKING BREAD WITH J. ALFRED PRUFROCK

ESSAYS Results: 2 items

AUTHOR	TITLES
AIKEN, CONRAD	THE NEW AMERICAN POETRY
PACEY, DESMOND	A.M. KLEIN

GLOSSARY, EXPLANATION, EXPLORING POETRY Results: 4 items

AUTHOR	TITLES
	EXPLANATION OF: "THE LOVE SONG OF J. ALFRED PRUFROCK" by Thomas Stearns Eliot

Click the author or title to view the result. The **T** symbol represents full text. Results are divided according to the different modules with the most relevant results first. “Refine Results” gives further options for narrowing a search. The options in this field will change according to your search. Most works are listed according to different subject headings. The headings are listed at the top of the result page. Click on any of the subjects to view a new list of results all related to that subject.

Title	THE LOVE SONG OF J. ALFRED PRUFROCK
Timeline	20th Century A.D.
Date	1911
Subject	AGING
Subject	ALIENATION (SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY)
Subject	APATHY
Subject	MICHELANGELO BUONARROTI (1475-1564)
Subject	MODERN MAN
Subject	PARALYSIS