Scholarly Tools for the Study of English and Modern Languages (8/31/04)

Dictionaries:

- Prescriptive: *Webster's New International Dictionary of the English Language*. 2nd. Edition.
- Descriptive: *Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language, Unabridged*. 1961.
- Historical: 1. *A New English Dictionary on Historical Principles*; founded mainly on the materials collected by the Philological Society. Edited by James A. H. Murray... with the assistance of many scholars and men of science... 1888-1928.
  2. The Oxford English Dictionary; Being a Corrected Re-Issue with an Introduction, Supplement, and Bibliography of a New English Dictionary on Historical Principles, founded mainly on the materials collected by the Philological society and edited by James A. H. Murray, Henry Bradley, W. A. Craigie, C. T. Onions... 1961.
  3. The Oxford English Dictionary Second Edition. Edited by John Simpson and Edmund Weiner. 20 Volumes. The Second Edition integrates the original OED with the four volumes of the Supplement. Published between 1972 and 1986, the Supplement was produced to bring the Dictionary up to date, to extend its coverage to the language of the mid-20th century, and to reflect the ever-broadening international nature of the English. In addition to merging the original OED and the Supplement, which greatly enhances the convenience of using the Dictionary, the Second Edition includes 5,000 new words and meanings.
- Eclectic: *Random House Webster's Unabridged Dictionary*. 2nd edition, 1998. Rev., updated ed. of: *The Random House Dictionary of the English Language*.

Books of Usage:

Fowler's Modern English Usage
Follet's Modern American Usage (Revised by Erik Wensberg)
Harper's Dictionary of Contemporary Usage
Dictionary of Problem Words and Expressions. Harry Shaw
Amo, Amas, Amat, and More: How to Use Latin to Your Own Advantage and to the Astonishment of Others.

Thesauri:

Thesaurus of English Words And Phrases, Classified and Arranged so as to Facilitate the Expression of Ideas and to Assist in Literary Composition, By Peter Mark Roget

Handbooks of Style:

Elements of Style. Strunk and White
Style: Ten Lessons in Clarity and Grace. Joseph Williams
Revising Prose. Richard Lanham
EDITOR 5. MLA Software.
The Chicago Manual of Style

Research Handbooks:

Gibaldi, Joseph and Walter S. Achtert. *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. 6th ed. New York: MLA, 2003.
The MLA Style Manual. Gibaldi and Achtert
A Guide for Writing Research Papers based on Modern Language Association (MLA) Documentation
<http://webster.commnet.edu/mla.htm>

Encyclopedia:

Encyclopedia Britannica

Literary Histories:

Baugh. *A Literary History of England*
Spiller. *Literary History of the United States*
The Oxford History of English Literature

Literary Companions:

Oxford Companions to

1. *English Literature*
2. *American Literature*
3. *African-American Literature*
4. *Women's Writing in the United States*
5. *Classical Literature*
6. *English Language*
7. And so on and so on.

The Cambridge Guide to Literature in English

Literary Handbooks:

A Handbook of Literature. Holman and Harmon
The Harper Handbook to Literature. Northrop Frye
The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms. Baldick
A Glossary of Literary Terms. M. H. Abrams
The Bedford Glossary of Critical and Literary Terms. Murfin and Ray