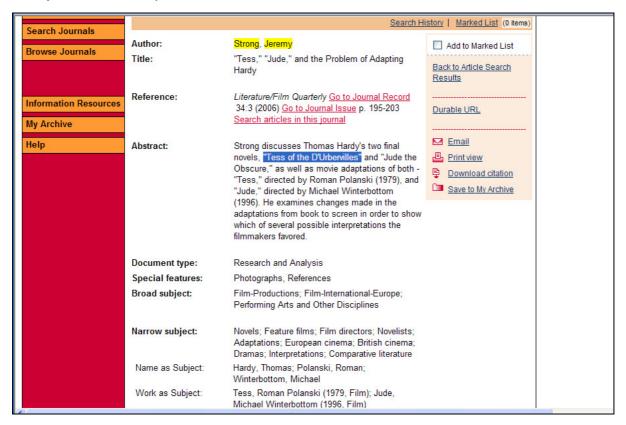## (6.2.) "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" (novel)

❑ keyword ❑ descriptor
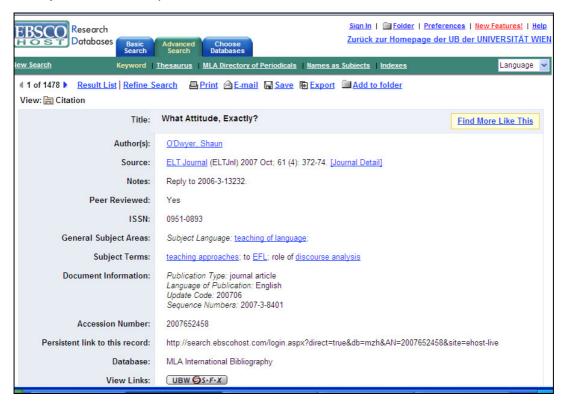

(6.3.) negation

❑ keyword ❑ descriptor

(6.4.) discourse analysis

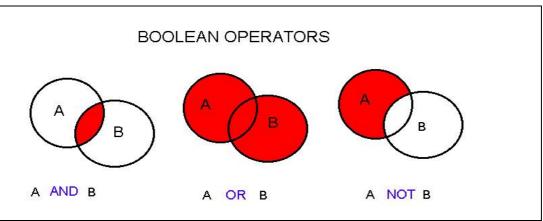❏ keyword ❏ descriptor

(6.5.) Using the **thesaurus function/index function** of the **MLA** and/or the **LLBA,** find **descriptors** relevant to your own topic.

(7) RESEARCH SKILLS EXERCISE - stigmatised or stigmatized?

You are interested in language forms which are stigmatised - or is it stigmatized???

Do a **keyword search** in the LLBA that retrieves relevant results for both spelling variants and be ready to discuss your search strategy.

(8) RESEARCH SKILLS EXERCISE - Boolean Operators:

http://www.library.uiuc.edu/gex/images/Boolean.jpg (11.10.2007)
aus GeoRef Tutorial der UIUC Geology Library; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

(8.1.) Search for the term *alterity* in the MLA

Increase the number of results by using a Boolean operator and by using the term *difference*.   ❑ AND ❑ OR ❑ NOT

Narrow down your results by using a Boolean operator and exclude results which contain the phrase *structuralism*.   ❑ AND ❑ OR ❑ NOT

Make your search more specific to results that connect *alterity* to *otherness* by using a Boolean operator. ❑ AND ❑ OR ❑ NOT

(8.2.) Check the MLA thesaurus for the descriptor used for the concept of *alterity* ; do a second search for the descriptor *race*. **Combine the two searches** using the **history function** and a **Boolean operator** to find titles on *race* as well as on *alterity*. Refine the search so that you only have journal articles as results.

(9) RESEARCH SKILLS EXERCISE - Wildcards/Truncation

Do a **keyword search** using **truncation** and **Boolean operators** in the MLA and in the reference section of LION that retrieves relevant results to cover **all** terms:

theatre	**play**
theatres	**plays**
theater	**performance**
theaters	**performative**
theatricality	**performativity**
theatrical	

Database	Wildcard		Truncation	
MLA	?	1 character *ne?t* *=* *nest* *next*	*	*net* *=* *net, nets, network,* *…* words with variant endings, any number of characters
LION (Reference)	?	0 or 1 character *ne?t* *=* *net* *nest* *next*	*	*net* *=* *net, nets, network,* *…* words with variant endings, any number of characters

(10) RESEARCH SKILLS EXERCISE - Nesting

Compare your results for

- **Brontë AND Emily OR Charlotte OR Anne**
- **Brontë AND (Emily OR Charlotte OR Anne)**
- **(Brontë AND Emily) OR Charlotte OR Anne**

(11) Database checklist

Name of Database:	
Database features: *Does the database include…/allow you to…/ allow you to use…/allow you to do a/an…*	**Further comments on these features:** *(In this column you should enter anything you notice about these database features apart from their mere presence or absence in the database)*

Where and how can I find it?
    o   *Do I need to log in with my personal account?*
    o *Do I need to access it via VPN from home or is it freely accessible?*	

What **contents** does the database cover? *(Look for list of journals, date range of database, who is responsible for the contents or any other information on what this database covers)*	
What **function** can the database fulfill in a literature and cultural studies research project? *(Provides bibliographical records, allows access to full texts, provides information on relevant topics, …)*	

User support: *Are users provided with information on how to use the database by …*			**Further comments on these features:** *(In this column you should enter anything you notice about these database features apart from their mere presence or absence in the database)*
help pages	☐ yes	☐ no	
tutorials	☐ yes	☐ no	
other help features	☐ yes	☐ no	
Further comments on user support:			
Contents			
abstracts	☐ yes	☐ no	
bibliographic data	☐ yes	☐ no	
full texts	☐ yes	☐ no	p

Search and browse features:			Further comments on these features:
Boolean AND	☐ yes	☐ no	
Boolean AND (implicit)	☐ yes	☐ no	
Boolean NOT	☐ yes	☐ no	
Boolean OR	☐ yes	☐ no	
the operator SAME	☐ yes	☐ no	
Proximity Operators (near, n, w, …)	☐ yes	☐ no	
Truncation (?, *, …)	☐ yes	☐ no	
Wildcards (?, *, …)	☐ yes	☐ no	
Cited Author Search	☐ yes	☐ no	
Cited Reference Search	☐ yes	☐ no	
Advanced Searches	☐ yes	☐ no	
Field Search (author, keyword, ...)	☐ yes	☐ no	
Phrase Search = "" ("*second language*")	☐ yes	☐ no	
Phrase Search = words next to each other (*second language*)	☐ yes	☐ no	
controlled vocabulary (descriptors)	☐ yes	☐ no	
stopwords (words that are not searchable)	☐ yes	☐ no	
thesaurus	☐ yes	☐ no	

Index Search (Browsing an index)	☐ yes	☐ no	
Full text search	☐ yes	☐ no	
Full text search	☐ yes	☐ no	
options for narrowing down searches	☐ yes	☐ no	
visual search	☐ yes	☐ no	
combine more than one database	☐ yes	☐ no	

What else did I notice about search and browse features?

What else can one do once one has done a search? *Is a/an … feature available?/Can I do the following with the database?*			**Further comments on these features:** *(In this column you should enter anything you notice about these database features apart from their mere presence or absence in the database)*
Search History	☐ yes	☐ no	
combine searches	☐ yes	☐ no	
download searches	☐ yes	☐ no	
e-mail searches	☐ yes	☐ no	
e-mail individual records	☐ yes	☐ no	
save searches	☐ yes	☐ no	

set alerts in order to be informed about new records on a regular basis?	☐ yes	☐ no	
use SFX to locate items in libraries or in other e-resources	☐ yes	☐ no	
Which of these special features are available? *Does the database provide*			**Further comments on these special features:** *(In this column you should enter anything you notice about these database features apart from their mere presence or absence in the database)*
further links to web resources	☐ yes	☐ no	
special navigation features	☐ yes	☐ no	
a personal zone	☐ yes	☐ no	
Personal response: What do YOU think about the database			**Further comments on these questions:** *Explain your response:*
Is it useful in general?	☐ yes	☐ no	because …
I would recommend it to my colleagues	☐ yes	☐ no	because …
Is it useful to my own research	☐ yes	☐ no	because …
Further comments on this database:			

Tips for research: Rumsey, Sally (2004). *How to Find Information. A Guide for Researchers.* Maidenhead: Open UP.