

Search for **multiple** authors or titles by putting a comma between the names or title words.

Example: all works by Dante or Boccaccio

Author: **dante,boccaccio**

Title words:

Date or date range Period(s)

Specific Area(s)

General Area(s)

Document form(s) Document Type(s)

Document Genre(s):

Search for an author's works, **limiting** by half century.

Author: **boccaccio**

Title words:

Date or date range Period(s) **14a**

Specific Area(s)

General Area(s)

Document form(s) Document Type(s)

Document Genre(s):

Results: entries for Boccaccio dated in the first half of the 14th century (1300 – 1350).

To limit to the second half of a century, use the letter "b" after the number.

Example: 14b = 1351 - 1399

Limiting by **area, form, type** or **genre** requires specific abbreviations too lengthy to list here. To obtain, click on the desired **limiter**, and then on **List of Abbreviations**.

Search the Full Text Database

To find a specific passage, word occurrence, poem or phrase within a work(s): Search ARTFL full text databases.

- Define the work or works to be searched.
This is similar to the bibliography search and is done by author, title, dates, genre either singly or in combination.
- Search the actual work for a word occurrence, a phrase or a particular passage.

Example: Search **Dante's Vita Nuova** for the words **bellissima or amore**

Step 1: Define Corpus

Author: **dante**

Title word(s): **vita nuova**

Date or date range Period(s)

Specific Area(s)

General Area(s)

Document form(s) Document Type(s)

Document Genre(s):

Step 2: Search corpus for: **bellissima|amore**

The vertical line | serves as the logical "OR" operator.

This search finds where any of these words occur.

Accents are needed in searching the full text database. infinita\ = infinità

Example:

Search corpus for: **amore infinita**

Finds sentences where both words occur.

<Space bar> or **<Enter>** acts as the logical "AND" operator.

To search words as a phrase, check the phrase search box.

Example:

Author: **dante,boccaccio**
Title words :
Date or date range Period(s)
Specific Area(s)
General Area(s)
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Document Genre(s):

Search corpus for: **bella donna**
Search options phrase search | **X** |

Logical Operators: Bibliography or Defining Corpus

, (comma) = **OR**

<space bar> or <Enter> = **AND**

Logical Operators: Searching the Corpus

| = **OR**

<space bar> or <Enter> = **AND**

Accent Representation

		Examples:
grave =	\ back slash	à → a\ é → e/ ê → e^ ç → c+ ö → o" E → é ê è and no accent.
aigu =	/ forward slash	
circumflexe =	^ caret	
cedille =	+ plus	
trema =	“ double quote	
Capital vowel =	match all accents	

Truncation And Pattern Matching

Pattern matching is an important component of searching for terms in the ARTFL database that allows the specification of a large number of words corresponding to a defined pattern.

. (period)	matches any single character; Example: donna. finds donna or donnas
.* (period asterisk)	matches any string of characters Example: don.* finds all words with the beginning don -- donna, donnas, donnesco, donnescamente, donno, donnola etc.
# (hash mark)	matches proper names only (works in combination with the .* symbol) Example: #pie.* finds proper names beginning with Pie , such as Pietro or Piero
[a-z] (range in brackets)	matches a single character found in the specified range. Examples: cinqua(n)tacinque and ci[n]quantaci[n]que. finds cinquantacinque with and without the n

Result Reports

- **Concordance reports** — consists of about 40 words on each side of the keyword displayed as running text
- **KWIC reports** (default setting) — centers and emphasizes the keyword in a single line of text

Both types include a short citation containing abbreviations of the author's name, title of the work, and the page number on which the word in question occurs. The page number is linked to the OVI page server, which allows retrieval of the entire page, with the first keyword highlighted.