

## SITE LICENSE

### *(Literary Research Guide)*

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  - (iii) automatically once the MLA issues a new edition of the Work or determines that it will no longer make the current edition available. If the Term of Your license is still in effect when the Agreement terminates under this paragraph, MLA will provide You, at Your option, a pro-rated refund or credit the balance of Your First-Year Access Fee (or Update Fee) toward a license to the next edition of the Work.
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- B. MLA further represents, warrants, and covenants that (i) the rights granted in this Agreement do not infringe any third-party intellectual property rights, including copyrights and trademarks; and (ii) MLA has entered into agreements with any third parties (e.g., hosting or maintenance services) that may have access to Your or Authorized Users' Confidential Information ensuring that they comply with the obligations of Paragraph 5.
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- E. If You breach Your obligation described in Paragraph 8.D., MLA is entitled to exercise the remedy in Paragraph 6.C., which may include termination of this license completely, the reestablishment of which will require a new First-Year Access Fee.
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**9. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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**To MLA:**

Executive Director  
  
Modern Language Association of America  
26 Broadway, 3rd floor  
New York, NY 10004-1789  
  
646-576-5000

**To Licensee:**

To the person at the place of business shown on the initial order for this license.

- B. Entire Agreement; Amendments. This Agreement, the information You provided in Your initial order for a subscription to the Work, and the attached Exhibit A, all of which are incorporated in the Agreement, constitute the complete agreement between the parties and supersede all other agreements, negotiations, and understandings, whether written or oral, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement. No amendment to this Agreement is valid unless in writing and signed by both parties.
- C. Not Joint Venturers. The relationship between MLA and You is solely that of licensor and licensee, and nothing in this Agreement should be construed to constitute a relationship of joint venture, partnership, agency, or third-party beneficiary between MLA and You or any Authorized User. Neither party has the power to obligate or bind the other in any way whatsoever.
- D. No Assignment. You may not assign this Agreement, in whole or in part, or any rights or obligations under it without MLA's prior written consent. Any attempted assignment in violation of this provision is null and void and will constitute a material breach permitting MLA immediately to terminate this Agreement without providing You with an opportunity to correct the breach.
- E. Unenforceability of Terms. If any term of this Agreement is determined to be unenforceable in a particular circumstance, that determination will not affect enforcement of the other terms of this Agreement unless doing so would deprive either You or MLA of a material benefit of the Agreement.
- F. Waiver. No waiver of any term or of any breach of this Agreement will be considered a waiver of the same term or any other breach on a subsequent occasion.
- G. Survival of Certain Terms. The terms of Paragraphs 5, 6.B.(iii), 7, 8, and 9 survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- H. Force Majeure. Neither party will be liable for its failure to perform or delay of performance or other default or deficiency under this Agreement caused in whole or in part directly or indirectly by fire, accident, flood, labor trouble or shortage, act of God, armed conflict, acts of terrorism, civil commotion, or other cause of like character beyond its reasonable control that renders the party's performance or timely performance impossible or impracticable. If either party is unable to perform for more than 60 consecutive days (or 90 total days in any twelve-month period) because of an event of force majeure, the other party may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice.
- I. Governing Law. The provisions of the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act do not apply to this Agreement.
- J. Headings; Construction. The headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and should not be used to construe the meaning of any term in it. The term

“including” should be read to be inclusive; it includes the meaning “including, but not limited to.”

- K. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which is an original, and all of which together constitute one and the same instrument.

[signatures on following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties has caused its authorized representative to execute this Agreement.

**LICENSEE**

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ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
An Authorized Representative

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

**Rosemary G. Feal**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

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Title

**Executive Director**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Name of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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New York, NY 10004-1789

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**Exhibit A**

First-Year Access Fees:\*

University Library	\$350
College Library	\$120
Public Library	\$ 80
High School Library	\$ 50

Subsequent Annual Update Fees:\*

University Library	\$80
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High School Library	\$20

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