



Scrawled shortcuts through the research maze...

### **Mad, Bad, and Dangerous to Know**

The Byron Society Library is coming to Drew—Who was this 19<sup>th</sup> c. superstar?

### **Oxford Encyclopedia of British Literature**

A literary take on Byron's "villainous heroes, satiric barbs, brooding and sometimes gloomy verse, seductive good looks, and the rakish behavior that for decades after his death made him anathema . . ."

**Online, under Research Resources, English**

### **Literature Resource Center**

Search "Byron, George Gordon" or "Lord Byron" to acquaint yourself with *Nineteenth Century Literary Criticism* of Byron— and Byron's own criticism, like the deliciously snarky "Letter to the Editor of 'My Grandmother's Review.'"

**Online, under Research Resources.**

### **Encyclopedia of Romanticism: Culture in Britain, 1780s-1830s**

Part of Byron's romance was his romantic imbroglios. Read up on the scandals of Byron's life and then check out his Byronic Hero-- "an energetic spirit, a rebellious individualism, and a vast capacity for feeling and suffering."

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### **Britain in the Hanoverian Age, 1714-1837**

Investigate Lady Caroline Lamb, who caricatured Byron in *Glenarvon*. The index (under "Byron") yields further gems, such as "attacked Castlereagh; attacked Elgin; encouraged Coleridge to publish; satirized Lake Poets..."

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### **British Writers**

For literary-biographical scandalmongering on Byron, see vol. IV, p. 171-194.

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### **Credo Reference**

Who said, "There is no believing a word they say . . .there never existed a more worthless set than Byron and his friends" ? Search the "Quotations" to find out.

**Online, under Research Resources.**

### **Notable Mathematicians: From Ancient Times to the Present**

Byron's daughter, Augusta Ada, Lady Lovelace, became a mathematician and wrote the first computer program, for the Babbage Engine, though she went on to follow in her father's footsteps of family scandal.

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*\* Warning: Browsing reference books can be Romantic!*