

| 300 Key African American Literary Texts Data Dictionary | |
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| Book Title | The name of the specific text |
| Author | The name of the author |
| Gender | The gender of the author |
| Publication Year | The date the text was published |
| Publication Decade | The decade the text was published |
| JSTOR | The number of hits this particular text received in the databases. The result of a general search, placing quotation marks around the author's name and name of text to gauge the number of references. |
| Project Muse | The number of hits this particular text received in the databases. The result of a general search, placing quotation marks around the author's name and name of text to gauge the number of references. |
| ProQuest | The number of hits this particular text received in the databases. The result of a general search, placing quotation marks around the author's name and name of text to gauge the number of references. |
| Google Scholar | The number of hits this particular text received in the databases. The result of a general search, placing quotation marks around the author's name and name of text to gauge the number of references. |
| NYTimes | The number of hits this particular text received in the databases. The result of a general search, placing quotation marks around the author's name and name of text to gauge the number of references. |
| Weighted Score | <p>This score is calculated using the results from all five databases. We took the square root of the counts from each database and reduced it down to 1/5th its points. Then we took the sum of all the points together.</p> <p>Formula in Excel:</p> $=(\text{SQRT}(D2)*0.2)+(\text{SQRT}(E2)*0.2)+(\text{SQRT}(F2)*0.2)+(\text{SQRT}(G2)*0.2)+(\text{SQRT}(H2)*0.2)$ |
| Genre | The genre of the specific text |
| Number of Words in Title | The number of words in the title |
| City - Birthplace/Origin | The origin/place of birth of the author |
| State | The state which the author was born |
| Region | The region in which the author was born |
| Country | The Country in which the author was born |
| Birthdate | The date the author was born |

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| Birth Year | The year the author was born |
| Birth decade | The decade in which the author was born |
| Death Date | The date on which the author died (if applicable) |
| Death Year | The year in which the author died (if applicable) |
| Death Decade | The decade in which the author died (if applicable) |