

Short assignment**c. 500 words****100 points****Due: 28 September 2009, 9 am, Oncourse**

Compare and contrast two author biographies in two different encyclopedias. Use the list below to help you think about how to begin your analysis. At the end of your essay, assess how you would use each source in a research project on that particular figure.

All encyclopedias, except Wikipedia, can be accessed through IUB's library website. Wikipedia can be found at en.wikipedia.org.

- **Maria Edgeworth:** Wikipedia and the Dictionary of National Biography
- **John Newbery:** Dictionary of Literary Biography and Encyclopedia Britannica
- **John Locke:** Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy

To consider in analysis:

- Structure of article
- Kinds of information contained
- Kinds of information linked to
- References
- Tone of writing
- Illustrations
- Credentials of author
- Lists of works