Books can offer helpful information about historical background, setting and authors. If you want criticism of the novel itself, try the search word *Awakening and criticism*. For setting and historical background, try searching *Creoles and Louisiana*.

**Subject Headings**
Chopin, Kate, 1850-1904 Appreciation
Chopin, Kate, 1850-1904 Awakening
Adultery Fiction
Women Louisiana New Orleans Social conditions Fiction
Self-actualization (Psychology) Fiction
Love stories
Women Louisiana Fiction

For setting and historical background:
Creoles Louisiana New Orleans
Creoles Louisiana New Orleans Biography
Creoles Louisiana New Orleans Social life and customs

**Suggested Reference Books**

**Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism** Call #REF 809.04 –Excerpts of literary criticism of the novel

**Encyclopedia of Southern Culture** edited by Charles Reagan Wilson Call #R975 at Fairfield Public Library. This work examines the historical and contemporary worlds of the American South.

**Suggested Web Sites**

Electronic text of the novel from Electronic Text Center, University of Virginia Library.

Comparative essay from the **Feminist and Women’s Studies** site at Carnegie Mellon University ([http://feminism.eserver.org/discourse/chopin.html](http://feminism.eserver.org/discourse/chopin.html)).

Information about Chopin from an award-winning documentary on the life and work of Kate Chopin produced in 1999 by Louisiana Public Television. Includes interviews, chronology, brief biography, and a transcript of the show.

**French Creoles in Louisiana** ([http://www.yale.edu/ynhti/curriculum/units/1992/2/92.02.02.x.html](http://www.yale.edu/ynhti/curriculum/units/1992/2/92.02.02.x.html))
Explanations from Yale University on Creole society, clothing, music and literature.