

**CANONICAL VALUES VS. THE LAW OF LARGE NUMBERS:  
THE LITERARY CANON IN THE AGE OF DIGITAL HUMANITIES**

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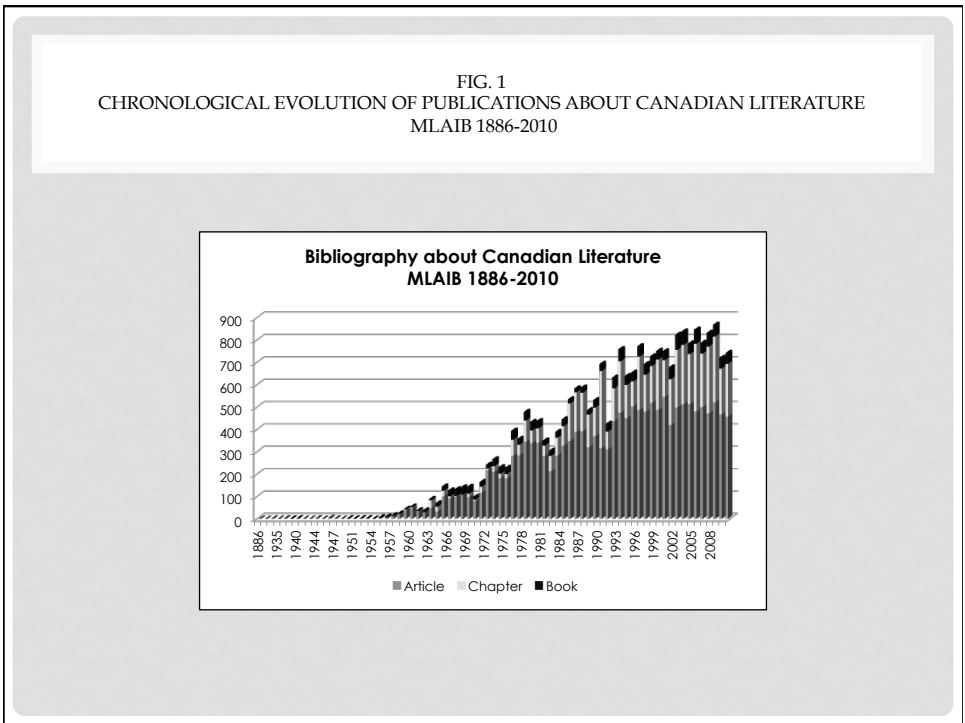


FIG. 2  
DOCUMENTS ABOUT CANADIAN LITERATURE BY LANGUAGE OF PUBLICATION  
MLAIB 1886-2010

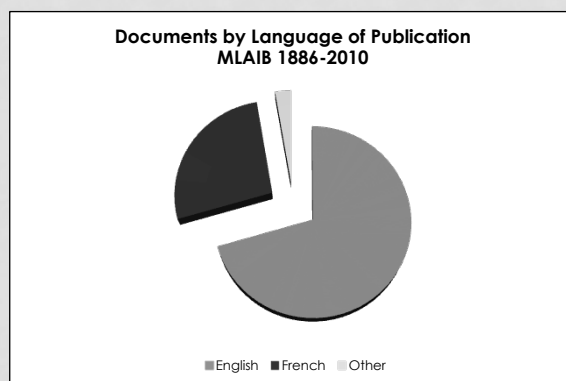


TABLE 1  
CORPUS OF THE TOP 20 CANADIAN LITERARY WORKS  
MLAIB 1886-2010

| Author                         | Title                                    | References |
|--------------------------------|--|------------|
| Atwood, Margaret (1939- )      | <i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> (1985)        | 164        |
| Ondaatje, Michael (1943- )     | <i>The English Patient</i> (1992)        | 126        |
| Atwood, Margaret (1939- )      | <i>Surfacing</i> (1972)                  | 94         |
| Kogawa, Joy Nozomi (1935- )    | <i>Obasan</i> (1981)                     | 93         |
| Montgomery, L. M. (1874-1942)  | <i>Anne of Green Gables</i> (1908)       | 84         |
| Atwood, Margaret (1939- )      | <i>Cat's Eye</i> (1989)                  | 70         |
| Atwood, Margaret (1939- )      | <i>Oryx and Crake</i> (2003)             | 65         |
| Laurence, Margaret (1926-1987) | <i>The Diviners</i> (1974)               | 61         |
| Hébert, Anne (1916-2000)       | <i>Les Fous de Bassan</i> (1982)         | 60         |
| Hébert, Anne (1916-2000)       | <i>Kamouraska</i> (1970)                 | 57         |
| Ondaatje, Michael (1943- )     | <i>Anil's Ghost</i> (2000)               | 55         |
| Roy, Gabrielle (1909-1983)     | <i>Bonheur d'occasion</i> (1945)         | 55         |
| King, Thomas (1943- )          | <i>Green Grass, Running Water</i> (1993) | 54         |
| Ondaatje, Michael (1943- )     | <i>Running in the Family</i> (1982)      | 54         |
| Atwood, Margaret (1939- )      | <i>Alias Grace</i> (1996)                | 52         |
| Frye, Northrop (1912-1991)     | <i>Anatomy of Criticism</i> (1957)       | 50         |
| Ondaatje, Michael (1943- )     | <i>In the Skin of a Lion</i> (1987)      | 50         |
| Hémon, Louis (1880-1913)       | <i>Maria Chapdelaine</i> (1916)          | 45         |
| Atwood, Margaret (1939- )      | <i>Lady Oracle</i> (1976)                | 44         |
| Atwood, Margaret (1939- )      | <i>The Robber Bride</i> (1993)           | 42         |

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LIST OF THE TOP 20 CANADIAN WRITERS  
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| Author                                    | References |
|---|------------|
| Atwood, Margaret (1939- )                 | 1096       |
| Frye, Northrop (1912-1991)                | 398        |
| Ondaatje, Michael (1943- )                | 395        |
| Hébert, Anne (1916-2000)                  | 376        |
| Laurence, Margaret (1926-1987)            | 366        |
| Munro, Alice (1931- )                     | 360        |
| Roy, Gabrielle (1909-1983)                | 340        |
| Montgomery, L. M. (1874-1942)             | 223        |
| Tremblay, Michel (1942- )                 | 198        |
| Aquin, Hubert (1929-1977)                 | 192        |
| Blais, Marie-Claire (1939- )              | 176        |
| Brossard, Nicole (1943- )                 | 161        |
| Kroetsch, Robert (1927-2011)              | 161        |
| Davies, Robertson (1913-1995)             | 140        |
| Findley, Timothy (1930-2002)              | 139        |
| Ferron, Jacques (1921-1985)               | 137        |
| Grove, Frederick Philip (1879-1948)       | 136        |
| Ducharme, Réjean (1942- )                 | 135        |
| Maillet, Antonine (1929- )                | 135        |
| Saint-Denis Gameau, Hector de (1912-1943) | 127        |