

Information Literacy Skills Posttest Gr. 6-8

1. If you were studying the presidency of Abraham Lincoln from 1861-1865, which of these would be a primary source?
 - a. The text of one of Lincoln's speeches
 - b. *New York Times* article published on January 30, 1862
 - c. A book about Lincoln with a copyright date of 1864
 - d. all of the above
2. Encyclopedias are useful because they often provide
 - a. in-depth examinations of topics.
 - b. overviews of topics.
 - c. the most current information on a topic.
 - d. useful information for elementary students, but they are not appropriate for middle school research.
3. You need to do research on alcoholism among female teens. What Boolean search is best suited to retrieve the information you need?
 - a. Teen not male and alcoholism
 - b. Alcohol or teen not male
 - c. Teen substance abuse and female
4. An atlas is
 - a. a list of addresses of authors.
 - b. basic information about books.
 - c. a collection of maps.
 - d. always a book.
5. Select the BEST answer. In evaluating books or periodical articles you should consider
 - a. author credentials, publisher, currency and relevance to your topic.
 - b. title, city of publication and date.
 - c. currency, availability in full-text.
 - d. title, intended audience.
6. The most important reason to select a subject as the topic of your research is
 - a. the History Channel just did a program on it.
 - b. the *New York Times* newspaper had an article on it this week.
 - c. the topic interests you and is related to the subject you are studying.
 - d. all of the above.
7. Search engines like Google search for information in
 - a. electronic databases like EBSCO and Gale Cengage.
 - b. web pages.
 - c. library or media center files.

8. When doing research, the most important difference between an internet search engine like Google and an online electronic database like EBSCO is
- everything found through a search engine will be full-text documents.
 - Internet search engines are fast and easier to use.
 - online electronic databases will lead to many verifiable and accurate resources that search engines may not.
 - that there is no significant difference.
9. A citation is
- a brief paragraph that summarizes what a book or article is about.
 - a book review.
 - a description of an online electronic database.
 - a record of the elements of a book, article or website.
10. Which of the following URLs is going to take you to the website of the U.S. Center for Disease Control?
- <http://www.cdc.com>
 - <http://cdc.org>
 - <http://cdc.edu/gov>
 - <http://cdc.gov>
11. A domain name for a website is an indicator of the type of information you will find there. If you are doing a report on the history of Presidents of the United States, which is the best domain name to look for?
- .edu
 - .org
 - .com
 - .net
12. When searching the Internet, what is the BEST evaluation question to ask?
- Who is the author of the web site and what are his or her credentials?
 - Is the style of the author easily understood?
 - Is the website updated frequently?
 - Do the graphics help understand the text?
13. When writing a research paper, which of the following is the best reason for selecting a web site as a reliable source?
- It uses the exact words in your topic.
 - It uses clear and easy to understand words.
 - It is created or maintained by a reliable source.
 - It came up on the first page in a Google search.
14. Which of these are NOT important in evaluating the reliability of a web site?
- the author of the content
 - the domain name (example: .com, .org, .edu)
 - the date of the last revision of the content
 - the professional appearance of the site

15. If you have a vague recollection of the title of the book recommended by your teacher, you should search for the book by
- title.
 - author.
 - subject.
 - keyword.**
16. A citation will usually show you title, author, publisher and date of publication. Which of the following will not be found?
- price**
 - number of pages
 - edition
 - all of the above.
17. What is the best way to find an article on a topic?
- page through the table of contents of a magazine.
 - use an internet search engine like Google.
 - search an online library catalog like Destiny.
 - search an online electronic database.**
18. You are writing a research paper that requires a bibliography. As a rule, you must cite
- only phrases in which you use the exact wording as the original document.
 - phrases with the exact or similar wording as the original document and/or the main ideas from the original document.**
 - anything that is similar.
19. Which account of the presidency of Abraham Lincoln would be more historically accurate?
- one written by a newspaper editor from the Union States.
 - one written by a newspaper editor from the Confederacy.
 - one written by a newspaper editor from Canada.
 - all could be equally accurate or inaccurate.**
20. To locate materials the media center owns, you must search in the
- EBSCO databases.
 - OPAC catalog.**
 - Gale Cengage databases.
 - Encyclopedia Britannica databases.
21. Which resource is suited to finding articles on alcoholism among female teens?
- Encyclopedia Britannica electronic databases
 - Gale Cengage electronic databases
 - EBSCO electronic databases
 - all of the above.**
22. A compilation of citations to books, journal articles, and reports about a particular topic or person is called a
- bibliography.**
 - glossary.
 - thesaurus.
 - almanac

23. Materials in most media centers or libraries are arranged on the shelves by the Dewey Decimal system. Materials with similar call numbers in the nonfiction section are
- a. published in the same year.
 - b. all by the same author
 - c. on the same subject.
 - d. written in chapters.
24. If you wanted to find a book written about the author Carl Sandburg, which of these would be the best search strategy to use in an online catalog search?
- a. search for "Sandburg, Carl" as a subject search
 - b. search for "Sandburg, Carl" as an author search
 - c. search for "Sandburg, Carl" as a title search
 - d. search for "Sandburg, Carl" as a keyword search
25. What is an index?
- a. a list that includes every keyword in the article or book
 - b. something that serves as a pointer or indicator
 - c. an alphabetical list that includes all or nearly all items of importance
 - d. both B and C