

# Information Literacy Skills Pretest Gr. 6-8

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1. When planning your research it is important to
  - a. think about the types of sources or materials to use.
  - b. know how many sources you need.
  - c. decide which keywords to use.
  - d. all of the above.
  
2. An encyclopedia can be used for
  - a. basic information on a topic.
  - b. word definitions.
  - c. finding quotes.
  
3. A Boolean Search uses the terms
  - a. and, or, not.
  - b. always, sometimes, never.
  - c. except, if...then.
  
4. An atlas can be used for
  - a. addresses of authors.
  - b. basic information about books.
  - c. zip codes.
  - d. finding geographic locations.
  
5. Before using information, you should check to see if it is
  - a. up-to-date, a fact, or an opinion.
  - b. funny and makes you laugh.
  - c. available on videotape.
  
6. Before doing research, you should
  - a. understand your assignment.
  - b. decide what you already know and what you still need to find out.
  - c. have an idea of what the end assignment should look like.
  - d. all of the above.
  
7. When using information from a Web site for school projects, the best question to ask yourself is
  - a. "Can I order products from this site?"
  - b. "Are these pictures/graphs/charts colorful enough?"
  - c. "Who is the author of this information and is it accurate?"
  
8. When using information from a Web site for your research project
  - a. you must pay to use the information.
  - b. you may use the text word-for-word and say that you wrote it.
  - c. you must properly cite your source.

9. Plagiarism is
  - a. quoting a source without giving proper credit.
  - b. quoting a source and giving proper credit.
  - c. writing another person's ideas in your own words.
  
10. A search engine is best described as
  - a. a device that allows the computer to be connected to a phone line.
  - b. a Web site or software that offers searching capabilities.
  - c. the brains of a personal computer.
  - d. an electronic "booster" you can install for quicker searchers.
  
11. When doing an online search, putting quotation marks (" ") around two or more words means
  - a. your spelling doesn't matter.
  - b. the words become a phrase.
  - c. you don't know what you're doing.
  
12. When searching the Internet, each underlined word or phrase is
  - a. a standard command.
  - b. a keyword search.
  - c. a subject search.
  - d. a link to another file or site.
  
13. Information that you find on the Internet
  - a. is far more reliable than books and magazines.
  - b. is factual because the Internet is constantly monitored by world educational organizations.
  - c. is required by law to be accurate, timely, and appropriate .
  - d. comes from many varied sources such as business, the government, or private citizens.
  
14. An example of a biased web site would be
  - a. a drug company promoting a particular drug.
  - b. a national news site giving weather reports.
  - c. a college library allowing access to its reference material.
  - d. an airline listing future flights for advance reservations.
  
15. A keyword search will
  - a. search only titles.
  - b. work even if you spell a word wrong.
  - c. search title, contents, and subject areas.
  - d. search reference material only.
  
16. A magazine citation will usually show you
  - a. summaries of current non-fiction books.
  - b. choice of subject or keyword search.
  - c. information to help you retrieve magazine articles.
  - d. full-text listing of a magazine article.

17. If you are unable to locate information on your topic, you may be using the wrong subject heading. A good way to proceed would be to
- give up and change your whole topic, then try again.
  - use synonyms, or words that mean the same thing as your topic.
  - stick with very broad terms and ideas.
  - try another computer.
18. Bibliographic information usually includes all of the following except
- summary.
  - title.
  - author.
  - date.
  - pages.
19. Which is potentially the most current or up-to-date source of information on any topic?
- an article from a CD-ROM database
  - an article on microfiche
  - a reference book
  - a hard copy of a magazine
  - an article or information from a World Wide Web site
20. Which of the following should you do if you cannot find materials on your topic?
- give up
  - get depressed
  - ask the librarian for help
  - complain and whine to your teacher
21. A database is superior to a search engine because
- the authority and sources have gone through some evaluation process.
  - it is organized by both human and electronic brain power.
  - the text comes from verifiable and reputable sources.
  - all of the above.
22. Which of the following is least likely to be found in a world almanac?
- the causes of the Korean War
  - the top grossing movies for 2003
  - last year's winner of the Super Bowl
  - the names of the US Representatives
23. The Dewey Decimal System is
- a system to organize information on a spreadsheet.
  - a system to organize information on a website.
  - a system to organize information in a database.
  - a system to organize information in a library or media center.
24. When using an online catalog to locate a book, you can search by
- author.
  - title.
  - subject.
  - any of the above.

25. An index will

- a. list the chapters in a book.
- b. list all the illustrations in a book.
- c. list the people who helped edit and publish a book.
- d. list every important thing in the book with page numbers.