
Pot of Gold Library Research and Information Literacy Tutorial

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THE POT OF GOLD QUIZ

The POT OF GOLD Library Research & Information Literacy Quiz tests your fundamental information literacy, as well as your knowledge of how to navigate among the content and services of an academic library. To complete the 25-question quiz successfully, you must earn at least 80%. Soon after successful completion of the quiz, you will receive by email an electronic confirmation and a certificate of completion.

Completing the quiz successfully is also your first step in obtaining your Library Research and Information Literacy Badge. For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/ND-info-literacy-badge>.

* Required

1. Email address *

2. Your First Name *

3. Your Last Name *

4. Your Instructor's Email (if applicable)

Untitled Section

5. Which resource is published closest in time to the event(s) it describes? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Book
- ☐ Journal Article
- ☐ Newspaper
- ☐ Encyclopedia

6. Which of the following resources would most likely be considered a primary source? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Diary
- ☐ Journal article
- ☐ Textbook
- ☐ Encyclopedia

7. Which of the following represents the timeframes of the information cycle, from least to greatest amount of time required until publication? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Blog --> Newspaper --> Journal article --> Magazine --> Book
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- ☐ Newspaper --> Magazine --> Blog --> Journal article --> Book

8. Which of the following would make the best research question to guide an analytical research paper? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Is fast food bad for children?
- ☐ Do fast food companies aim their advertisements at children?
- ☐ How do fast food companies create effective advertisements aimed at children?
- ☐ Is advertising aimed at children bad?

9. What is the first step in investigating your research topic? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Reading a scholarly article about the topic
- ☐ Searching a database
- ☐ Analyzing the assignment
- ☐ Citing your sources

Part 2/5

10. Which type of research asks you to explore multiple aspects of your subject area and present your findings without attempting to persuade the reader of your position? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Basic report
- ☐ Opinion piece
- ☐ Analytical paper
- ☐ Argumentative paper

11. The Library catalog (ND Catalog) is the right place to search for all of the following sources, except: *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Articles
- ☐ Periodical Titles
- ☐ Books
- ☐ Videos and DVDs

12. Which of the following resources would give you the best overview of your topic? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Encyclopedia
- ☐ Government document
- ☐ Newspaper
- ☐ Scholarly Journal

13. Which of the following resources is/are an example of a database? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Catalog Plus
- ☐ Academic Search Premiere
- ☐ Only Academic Search Premiere and Catalog Plus
- ☐ All of the resources listed are databases
- ☐ Amazon.com

14. All of the following are true except for one. Which statement below is untrue? *

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- ☐ Search engines such as Google offers more precise, targeted searches because they do not search by subject headings.
- ☐ When you perform a "Keyword Search," you are searching all words in a record, including among the TITLE, ABSTRACT, and AUTHOR fields.
- ☐ When you perform a "Subject Search," you search only the subject field of the record, yielding more precise results.
- ☐ Subject headings (or 'descriptors') describe the main topics of each resource (article, book, etc.).

Part 3/5

15. What type of resource does the following citation refer to? *

Fine, R. (1977). Psychoanalysis as a philosophical system: The basis for integrating the social sciences. *The Journal of Pschohistory*, 5(1), 1-66.

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Book chapter
- ☐ Journal article
- ☐ Book
- ☐ Magazine
- ☐ Dissertation

16. Which of the following BEST describes the function of library call numbers? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Call numbers are 'addresses' that put books on similar topics in the same 'neighborhood' on the shelf, making topical browsing and research easier and more efficient.
- ☐ Call numbers help librarians to efficiently reshelve books once they are returned by patrons.
- ☐ Call numbers are used to put books by the same author together alphabetically on the shelf.
- ☐ Call numbers are used to group books published during the same time period together.

17. Which of the following questions helps you to determine the RELEVANCE to your research of a potential scholarly resource? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Is the source free of bias?
- ☐ Is the author an established expert in the field?
- ☐ Does the source add something new to your knowledge of the topic?
- ☐ Was the source published in the last 5 years?

18. In which type of research would currency be most important to determining the relevance of a resource? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Health Sciences and Medicine
- ☐ Literature
- ☐ Philosophy
- ☐ History

19. An author's institutional affiliation and credentials are a clue primarily to his or her: *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Relevance
- ☐ Authority
- ☐ Purpose
- ☐ All of the above
- ☐ Accuracy

Part 4/5

20. A biography of Apple founder Steve Jobs would be considered: *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ A primary source
- ☐ A secondary source
- ☐ A tertiary source

21. **Having lost the name of the author for a quote you want to include in your paper, you decide to just include a paraphrase of her words as your own ideas. This is: ***

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Okay, because you are using only her ideas and not her actual wording.
- ☐ Okay, because academic papers are not subject to copyright law.
- ☐ A copyright violation because you didn't receive written permission to use her ideas in your paper.
- ☐ Plagiarism, because you are using another's ideas as your own, rather than citing or crediting her.

22. **Which of the following is a violation of copyright? ***

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ All of the above.
- ☐ Making copies of commercial software or music to give to your friends without permission.
- ☐ Downloading popular music that was put on the Internet illegally.
- ☐ Downloading images for use on your own web site without permission of the copyright holder.
- ☐ Emailing copies of an article to all of your classmates without permission of the copyright holder.

23. **Which of the following is NOT plagiarism? ***

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Summarizing an author's main point and citing the source, while giving credit to the original author.
- ☐ Borrowing facts or statistics that are not common knowledge without proper acknowledgment.
- ☐ Restating or paraphrasing a passage without citing the original author.
- ☐ Borrowing the idea or opinion of someone else without giving the person credit.

24. **What is the most efficient way to find scholarly articles for your paper? ***

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Browse through issues of journals or magazines in your subject area
- ☐ Search the Library Catalog
- ☐ Search an article database
- ☐ Search Google or another search engine

Part 5/5

25. You find a citation for a 1998 article from the Journal of American Folklore. In which single database below should you expect to find the article? *

Journal Of American Folklore

ISSN 0021-8715

ACCESS ONLINE ▼

JSTOR Early Journal Content

Available from 1888 volume 1 issue 1 until 1922 volume 126

Project Muse Online Journals

Available from 2001 volume 114 issue 451

EBSCOhost Art Source

Available from 1998 until 2011

ProQuest Literature Online

Available from 1999 volume 112 issue 444

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- ☐ EBSCOhost Art Source (Available from 1998 until 2011)
- ☐ ProQuest Literature Online (Available from 1999 to present)
- ☐ Project Muse Online Journals (Available from 2001 to present)
- ☐ JSTOR Early Journal Content (Available from 1888 until 1922)

26. Which doctrine allows us to use some limited portion of another's work without permission, for purposes of critique or education, and as long as that use is sufficiently transformative and does not affect the market value of the original work. *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Copyright
- ☐ Freedom of Information
- ☐ Intellectual Freedom
- ☐ Fair Use

27. If you were investigating the impact of global warming on drought, which would be the most authoritative and credible resource? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ An editor for the New York Times newspaper
- ☐ The Executive Director of Consumer Climate Watch, an organization that publishes web articles on the 'liberal hysteria surrounding global warming'
- ☐ A staff writer for Newsweek magazine
- ☐ A white paper by a meteorologist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, a governmentally-funded research and development center

28. Which statement comparing popular magazines and scholarly journals is correct? *

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- ☐ Language used in popular magazines is easier for non-experts to read.
- ☐ Scholarly journals have more advertising.
- ☐ Scholarly journals have a broader overview of topics than popular magazines.
- ☐ Popular magazines have a more rigorous editorial process.

29. Identify the type of resource referenced, below: *

Kammen, C., & Wilson, A.H. (2012). Monuments. In *Encyclopedia of local history*. (pp. 363-364) Lanham, MD: AltaMira Press.

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Reference Handbook
- ☐ Encyclopedia
- ☐ Magazine
- ☐ Journal Article

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