
NoveList Plus Scavenger Hunt

NoveList Plus is a fun and easy way to find books you'll enjoy!

In this activity, you'll learn how to use NoveList Plus by going on a scavenger hunt. Just follow the steps and answer the questions. If you get stuck, ask your teacher or instructor for support.

After each section, click the NoveList Plus logo to go back to the main page and start fresh.

Homepage:

BOOKS WITH BUZZ

Some books in NoveList Plus have a tag called "Media mention." This means they were talked about on popular U.S. and Canadian radio shows, television programs, featured in celebrity book clubs, or adapted for the screen. These books are creating a buzz!

Check out the **Books with Buzz** section on the homepage to find some of these titles. Then answer the questions below:

- List one of the books you see: _____
- Where was it mentioned? (TV show, radio, or book club): _____

Click **Media Mentions index** at the top right of the display. This index lets you browse by outlet, program, book club, or screen adaptation.

At the **CBS** section, click **Sunday Morning**. This will show you a results list of books and audiobooks featured on this program.

- How many results are there? _____

★ [Get more tips on finding books mentioned in the media.](#)

CURATED LISTS

Curated Lists in NoveList Plus offer ready-made reading recommendations across a variety of genres, topics, and audiences (age groups). You can find the newest lists featured in the center of the homepage.

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- Write the name of one list you see: _____
 - Click the list title to open it. What audience (age group) is it for? _____
 - Scroll down to see the books in this list. How many are there? _____

★ You can find all **Curated Lists** at the main menu on any NoveList Plus page.

EXPLORE TITLES BY STORY ELEMENT

There are many things about a book that may catch your attention. In NoveList Plus, we call these “story elements.” These include things like appeal factors, themes, and genres. On the homepage, you can use the **Explore Titles by Story Element** tool to mix and match these elements and find books that fit what you like.

Try this activity:

- Select two story elements from the display. Or click **Swap all terms** to see new ones. Which two did you pick?
1. _____ 2. _____
- Click the **Explore titles** button to see books that match your choices. How many results do you have? _____

★ Learn more by clicking the **See story elements guide** link at the top of the Explore Titles by Story Element section of the homepage.

Searching:

BASIC SEARCH

At the top of the NoveList Plus page, you’ll see a search bar. Let’s try it out!

- Type **cozy mysteries** into the search bar. What do you notice as you start to type?

- Click the **magnifying glass** or press **Enter** to search. How many results do you get? _____

After you search in NoveList Plus, filters can help you narrow down a large list of results. Use them to quickly find books by things like award status, publication date, genre, and more.

Let's try using some filters:

1. Filter by Source type
 - Click the **Source type** button under the search bar.
 - Check the box for **Books** and click **Apply**.
 - How many results are there now? _____
2. Filter by Audience (age group)
 - Click the **All filters** button under the search bar.
 - Under **Audience**, choose **Adult** and click **Apply**.
 - How many results are there now? _____
3. Pick a book
 - Click on a book in the results list to open its detail page.
 - What book did you choose? _____

You'll use this book's detail page to answer more questions in the next section.

★ [Learn more about using search filters in NoveList.](#)

READ-ALIKES

NoveList Plus gives you great suggestions for what to read next. These are called **read-alikes** (for books, authors, and series) and **listen-alikes** (for audiobooks). Each read-alike includes the reason why it was picked.

At the Book detail page open from the last question:

- Scroll down to the Read-alikes section. You'll see a display of similar books with their covers.
- Click on one of the books to learn more about it.
- What book did you choose? _____
- Read the reason why NoveList suggests it as a read-alike.

ABOUT THIS BOOK

Scroll down the Book detail page to find the section called About This Book. This tool lets you mix and match story elements from the book to find others you might like.

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- What are two of the story elements listed for this book?

1. _____ 2. _____

SERIES INFORMATION

Want to know what book comes next in a series you're reading? The **Series detail page** in NoveList Plus shows all the books in a series, in the right reading order. It also gives you suggestions for other series you might like.

Try this:

1. In the search bar, type **Penny draws**.
2. As you type, you'll see suggestions pop up. Under **Series**, click on **Penny draws** to open the **Series detail page**.
 - Scroll down to the **Read-alikes** section. Click on a book cover to learn more about that series and why NoveList recommends it.
 - Scroll down to **the Books in This Series** section.
 - How many books are in this series so far? _____
 - What is the title of Book 3 in the series? _____

Congratulations! You've completed the scavenger hunt—now you're ready to find your next great read!

NEXT STEPS:

- **Keep using NoveList Plus!** Check out our [Jump Start Guide](#) for links to step-by-step instructions and helpful tips.
- [Sign up for NoveList News](#) to receive our newsletter.
- **Want more help or training?** Check out the [Learn How to Use NoveList](#) page.

***Note to trainers:** No answer key is provided since answers may vary depending on the addition of new content, database settings and/or subscriptions. Therefore, conducting your own searches prior to student use is advised.*