
NoveList K-8 Plus Scavenger Hunt

NoveList K-8 Plus is a fun and easy way to find books you'll enjoy!

In this activity, you'll learn how to use NoveList K-8 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 K-8 Plus logo to go back to the main page and start fresh.

Homepage:

BOOKS WITH BUZZ

Some books in NoveList K-8 Plus have a tag called "Media mention." This means they were talked about on popular U.S. and Canadian radio shows, television programs, and celebrity book clubs. 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:

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

Click **See all** at the top right of the display. This will show you a results list of all the books in NoveList K-8 Plus that have the "Media mention" tag.

- How many results are there? _____

★ Get more tips on finding books mentioned in the media: bit.ly/4kz2OB1

CURATED LISTS

NoveList K-8 Plus has **Curated Lists** that give you great book suggestions based on different genres (like mystery or fantasy), topics (like fairy tales or family) for all K-8 age groups. You can find the newest lists on the homepage!

Take a look at the display and answer these questions:

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- What's the title of one list you see? _____
 - Click on the list. What Audience (age group) is it for? _____
 - Scroll down to check out the books. How many are on the list? _____

★ You can find all the Curated Lists at the main menu on the left side of any NoveList K-8 Plus page.

MAIN MENU

The main menu on the left side of any NoveList K-8 Plus page includes four drop-down sections. What are they?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

Searching:

BASIC SEARCH

At the top of the NoveList K-8 Plus page, you'll see a search bar. Let's try it out!

- Type **best friends** 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 K-8 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 **Ages 9-12** 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: bit.ly/4dObG3h

READ-ALIKES

NoveList K-8 Plus gives you great suggestions for what to read next. These are called **read-alikes** (for books, authors, and series). 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.

SEARCH FOR MORE LIKE THIS

There are many things in a book that might grab your attention. At NoveList, we call these things "story elements." The **Search for More Like This Book** interactive feature highlights the story elements for the book, author, or series you're looking at—such as appeal factors, themes, and genres. You can mix and match these parts to find other books that you'll enjoy reading.

On the book's detail page from the last step, scroll down until you see the section called **Search for More Like This Book**.

Try this:

- 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 about NoveList's signature story elements: bit.ly/3SdegWT

SERIES INFORMATION

Want to know what book comes next in a series you're reading? The **Series detail page** in NoveList K-8 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 **Kitty quest**.
2. As you type, you'll see suggestions pop up. Under **Series**, click on **Kitty quest** 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 2 in the series? _____

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

NEXT STEPS:

- Use NoveList K-8 Plus! If you need help, click the **Help** link at the main menu.

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.