Read It!

You're going on a scavenger hunt! When you're done, you'll have lots of information to help you the next time you use Read It! on Explora. Follow the instructions below and answer all the questions. Please ask your instructor if you need any assistance!

1. Take a look at the home page. Describe 4 ways you could find information using this database.

   a. _____

   b. _____

   c. _____

   d. _____

2. Below the featured image, you'll find buttons that show popular topics. Click each button to change the image. What are some of the popular topics featured today?

   a. _____

   b. _____

   c. _____

   d. _____

   e. _____

3. Locate the Search box at the top of the home page. Type *citizenship.*. Hit enter or click the magnifying glass icon to initiate the search.

   How many results do you get? _____

4. Let's try filtering by **Source Type**. Click on the Source type button below the search box. Place a check in the box next to **ELL Articles**, and then click **Apply.**

   Now how many results do you get? _____

   What did you notice when you started to type in your search term? _____

5. Let's try another search. Type *taxes* in the search box.

   How many results did you get? _____

Click the **Source Type** button, place a check mark in the box next to **Magazines** and click **Apply**. You have now filtered your results to only articles that come from magazines. Click the title of the first article in your result list (or the **View details** link) to open the full record. Write down the following:

a. **Title of Article:** _____

b. **Name of Author(s):** _____

c. **Title of Source:** _____

d. **Date of Publication:** _____

6. You can also browse the database by category. Click the Explora logo at the top left of your screen to return to the home page. (You can use this feature any time you want to start over.)

Below the featured image and popular topics, you'll find topic categories (in blocks). The categories are Science, Literature, Topical Issues, Countries of the World, Mathematics, Life Skills, Great Events in World History, Great Events in U.S. History, U.S. Civics and Biography.

Click **Life Skills → Living in the U.S. → United States Culture**. Here you will find a list of articles related to the category and subcategory you clicked on. To read a complete article, click **Access options/Access now** link. These options will be **Online Full Text** and/or **PDF**.

Read the article written by Jen Rassler, "United States Culture," and answer these questions:

a. Language and Ideas: What is an important part of U.S. culture? _____

b. Customs and Manners: What does a person in the U.S. do when he/she meets someone for the first time? _____

c. Food and Fun: Many American families cook a _____ to eat on Thanksgiving.

d. Food and Fun: What is a popular sport in the U.S.? _____

7. Close the article or click the **Back** arrow (upper left) to return to the result list. Now let's try browsing by another category. Click the Explora logo at the top left of your screen to return to the home page.

Click the **Biography** category to be brought to a page of sub-categories. Now click on **Famous People in U.S. History**. This brings you to an alphabetical list of historical figures. Choose one and click.

Which name did you choose? _____

Select a record from your result list and share two biographical details about the person you chose. This can include their date of birth, place of birth, nationality, education, job experience and accomplishments.

8. When you are writing a research paper, you will need to cite any sources you include. With Read It! it's easy to find that information.

    Let's practice citing the article you just read. Note the toolbar at the top of the full-text viewer. Click the quotation marks icon [66] to launch your cite window. From here, select the **MLA 9th Edition** citation **Style** from the drop-down menu and **Copy to clipboard**. Paste (or write in) your sample citation in the space below. Make sure to format properly!

    You can also **Export** citations to bibliographic management software, such as EasyBib and NoodleTools.

9. Read It! on Explora also allows you to download articles to your computer, share them to Google Drive and Microsoft OneDrive, and save records to a project folder within Explora. (You will need to create a MyEBSCO account to use the project folder feature. If you need help, ask your instructor or librarian.)

    To save a record from the search results page, click the three dots that appear to the right of the article title. Click **Add to Project** and choose a project in which to save the article. (You also have the option to create a New project.) If you're already in the full text article, you can also click the **Add to Project** icon ⊞ at the top right of your screen.

    Go ahead and add a few items to a project folder. Once you've done this, click the **Projects** button in the left-hand navigation panel. Here, you can view and open project folders to access saved articles.

    To delete items from a project folder, click the three dots next to the article title and select **Delete**. You can also **Cite** the article, **Share** the record to Google Drive or Microsoft OneDrive, and **Download** the record to a PDF or Word document. To export or download records, click the check box next to the article title. Check multiple boxes to export or download more than one item.

Congratulations, you're finished!

Feel free to explore Read It! on your own to find more helpful features and interesting content. Remember to ask your teacher or instructor if you have any questions!

Note to instructors: Because most questions have no single correct answer, no answer key is provided.