

GALE SCAVENGER HUNT: SEARCHING SKILLS

Gale In Context: Middle School

Directions: In this activity, you will answer each of the following questions by utilizing your *Gale In Context: Middle School* resource. We will walk through best practices when using the **Basic Search Bar** and **Topic Pages** to find an answer.

1 What year was Abraham Lincoln born?

*Step 1: On the home page, locate the **Basic Search Bar** at the top of the page on the left.*

*Step 2: Type in what you would like to search. When searching for an answer you never want to put the entire question in the basic search bar. Pick one or two terms from the question instead to get better results. For this question, a good search would be "**Abraham Lincoln**" since we are looking for information about his life.*

*Step 3: Once you have gotten to the results page for Abraham Lincoln, you will see the "**Biography**" content type and can click on any of those results to find the year he was born.*

Answer:

Source:

**You always want to cite your source! Find the citation information for any piece of content at the bottom of the page you found the answer on.*

2 What theory is Albert Einstein famous for developing?

Follow the same steps we used for question one, searching for "Albert Einstein**" this time.*

Answer:

Source:

3 What is a constellation ?

Step 1: Go to the Basic Search Bar

*Step 2: Type in "**constellation**" since we are looking for information about this topic.*

*Step 3: When searching for information about a topic that is NOT a person, a good place to start is clicking the "**Read More**" button or clicking on a piece of content in the "**Reference**" content type. These will give you basic information about a topic like a "**Biography**" would about a person.*

Answer:

Source:

4 What countries did the Vikings come from?
**Follow the same steps we used for question three, searching for “Vikings” this time.*

Answer:

Source:

5 What year was the U.S. Constitution written and what year did it go into effect?
*If you are ever unsure what terms to search in the **Basic Search Bar**, you can also use **Topic Page** browsing to find this answer.*

*Step 1: On the home page, scroll down to view the available starting **Topics**. Select the one your question is related to. For this question, the Constitution would be related to government so you would select the “**Government**” Topic.*

*Step 2: Narrow your results by selecting the more specific Topic Page within the Government category. You would select “**Constitution**” to get all related content about the U.S. Constitution*

*Step 3: From here, you can either “**Read More**” or use a piece in the “**Reference**” content bucket to find your answer.*

Answer:

Source:

6 Thomas Edison founded two different industries. One was the Electric Industry. What was the other?

Start in the “Science**” Topic Tree to narrow your results to the correct Topic Page for this question.*

Answer:

Source:

1

Answer: 1809

Source: Will vary by student.

2

Answer: Theory of Relativity

Source: Will vary by student.

3

Answer: A constellation is a group of stars. These stars form a pattern.

Source: Will vary by student.

4

Answer: Denmark, Norway, and Sweden

Source: Will vary by student.

5

Answer: Written in 1787. Went into effect in 1789.

Source: Will vary by student.

6

Answer: The recording Industry.

Source: Answers will vary by student