

GALE SCAVENGER HUNT: SEARCHING SKILLS

Gale In Context: Elementary

Directions: In this activity, you will answer each of the following questions by utilizing your *Gale In Context: Elementary* resource. We will walk through the best ways to use the **Basic Search Bar** and **Topic Trees** 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 words 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 "**Keep Reading**" button or clicking on a piece of content in the "**Book Article**" 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 How many stages are in the life cycle of butterflies?
*If you are ever unsure what terms to search in the **Basic Search Bar**, you can also use the **Topic Tree** browsing to find this answer.*

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

*Step 2: Now choose the next more specific topic related to butterflies. Since butterflies are insects, you would select “**Insects and Other Invertebrates**.”*

*Step 3: From here, you will see all the **Topic Pages** related to “**Insects and Other Invertebrates**” and can select the “**Butterflies**” Topic Page to find the answer.*

Answer:

Source:

6 What is the name and height of the world’s tallest redwood tree?
*Start in the “**Plants**” 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: 4 stages

Source: Will vary by student.

6

Answer: Hyperion. 379 ft

Source: Answers will vary by student