



CRITICAL THINKING & INFORMATION LITERACY ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

INFORMATION LITERACY QUIZ ENG. 109

Part I

“Information literacy is the ability to access, evaluate and apply information from a variety of sources and in a variety of contexts” -- American Library Association

The purpose of this quiz is to provide an overview of your information literacy skills which would help your teacher facilitate your success in this class. The information you provide assists your teacher better prepare course materials. It enables her to give targeted instruction to those of you who may need additional help to meet the course outcomes. **You will not be graded on this test!**

Please relax and answer the questions to the best of your knowledge. Choose one option only, unless otherwise noted.

1. Use the first column to match the given terms with the correct definitions:

Dictionary	A	Contains names, addresses, and telephone numbers of individuals, companies, organizations, etc.
Periodical	B	A brief summary of a book, an article, or other publications.
Directory	C	A list of books, periodicals, audiovisuals and other materials that a library owns.
Encyclopedia	D	A list of all books, articles, and other materials the author used in writing the book.
Catalog	E	Defines words and terms, their meanings, spelling, pronunciation, derivation, synonyms, etc.
Bibliography	F	A publication that comes out on a regular schedule such As once a week or four times a year.
Abstract	G	A reference source that provides articles written by experts on a variety of subjects.

2. To find a book on a topic, you use:

- Online periodical database
- Library catalog
- Web Search Engines

3. OPAC stand for:

- Online Periodical Access Center
- Online Public Access Catalog
- Online Portfolios for Academic Classes

4. To find the latest NBA basketball scores, you use: (choose 2)
- Journal
 - Magazine
 - Newspaper
 - The Web
5. To write a college level research paper for your psychology class, you consult: (Choose 2)
- Journal
 - Magazines
 - Newspaper
 - Periodical indexes/databases
6. Journal articles are often written by experts in a specific field.
- True
 - False
7. A journal often covers several fields of study.
- True
 - False
8. Magazine articles often have extensive bibliographies.
- True
 - False
9. Boolean operators are used to combine search terms and show their relationships.
- True
 - False
10. The “OR” operator expands your search and you will find more hits/result.
- True
 - False
11. The “AND” operator limits your search result and you find less hits/result.
- True
 - False
12. The “NOT” operator limits your search result.
- True
 - False
13. Truncation symbol limits your search results.
- True
 - False

14. Wildcard limits your search hits/results.

- True
- False

15. You search periodical indexes/databases to find: (Choose at least 2)

- Citations to articles on a topic.
- Full text of articles.
- Books available in a library.
- Web sites.
- Book reviews published in magazines.
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16. Information found in EBSCOhost and ProQuest databases are produced on the Web.

- True
- False

17. The most efficient way to find reliable articles for your college research paper is:

- To go to the periodical stacks and look through the magazines and journals
- To search for citations or full-text in periodical indexes or databases for the topic.
- To use the Web Search Engines.

18. How do you use a call a call number? (Choose 2)

- To locate a book in the library
- To checkout a book
- Browse the shelves for similar books
- To verify the accuracy of a classification number

19. You have to get permission from the Web Screening Organization to publish on the Web.

- True
- False

20. Which of the following can not be found using the library catalog?

- Books
- Journal articles
- Reserve materials

21. Which of the following criteria is most important when evaluating an Internet resource for a research paper?

- How quickly the page loads
 - Author of the information
 - Last updated date the website
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Part II:

1. How often do you use the Internet?

- Every day
- Few times a week
- Once a month
- Every few months
- Never

2. What do you use the Internet for? Choose as many as applies.

- Email only
- Fun
- Information
- Academic research
- other

3. How skilled are you at using the Internet?

- Very
- Somewhat
- A little
- Never done it

4. Do you use 'field searching' when using search engines? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, which search engines and which fields?

5. How many library orientations have you previously experienced at BCC?

- Zero
- One, but I fell asleep
- One
- Two or more

6. Do you own a computer? Yes _____ No _____

7. How familiar are you with the Microsoft Word?

- Very (advanced)
- Somewhat (intermediate)
- A little (beginner)
- Never used it

8. How long have you been in the United States?

9. What are your interests and hobbies?

10. What is your goal in taking this class?

11. What is your educational background?

- High school diploma
- College course
- College graduate
- Other

12. What other classes are you taking this quarter?