



Identify Potential Sources

Directions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

- You have finished studying force and motion in Physics class and must use your knowledge to build a model roller coaster with supplied materials. To research the design aspects, you will need to consult several sources. Of the sources listed, which would be the least helpful in building your model?

 - A science and technology encyclopedia
 - Streaming video footage that shows the development of a new coaster
 - A diagram from a science database
 - The chapter in your textbook on force and motion
- Your U.S. Government teacher assigned a research project that requires you to analyze and compare voter registration data across the country to your state's voter registration. Your assignment includes comparing two states to your own state. Which of the following sources will provide you with the data necessary to make your comparison?

 - U.S. government textbook
 - Local voter registration office
 - Newspaper archives from each of the states
 - U.S. Census Bureau website
- You have been studying local, state, and national government in the United States. You have learned that in the U.S. all forms of government create records that are accessible to the public. You have just been assigned a research project involving information from public records about public education in your state. Which source below would you use to find your information?

 - Online encyclopedia
 - Your state department of education website
 - A book about your state in the library
 - General search engine

4. You are researching the effects of dieting for a unit on nutrition in your science class. You decide to focus on comparing two particular diets and want to learn more about people's personal experiences while on them. Besides personal interviews, since you only know one person who used one of the diets, which of the following Internet sources could give you some personal insight?
- Ⓐ A hospital website
 - Ⓑ An online forum about each of the diets
 - Ⓒ Studies on the diets from .edu sites
 - Ⓓ A health database, such as Medline
5. In economics, students use virtual money to invest in a stock market simulation project. Students use investment information to make wise investment decisions. Each student works independently with the goal to earn the most through the stock market simulation investments. The winner receives a prize. If you were trying to win the stock market simulation, what sources would you consult for investment information and tips?
- Ⓐ Local newspaper, online business journal, business research database
 - Ⓑ Local newspaper, business journal, a book on the stock market
 - Ⓒ A bank employee who is a family friend, business research database, a book on the stock market
6. Identify the statement that is true about a scholarly journal.
- Ⓐ Scholarly journals are peer-reviewed or referred.
 - Ⓑ Scholarly journals always include biographical information about the author.
 - Ⓒ Scholarly journals provide news alerts on discoveries.
 - Ⓓ Scholarly journal articles are always freely accessible through the web.
7. Which of the following is a characteristic of a secondary source?
- Ⓐ The author cites several other published reports.
 - Ⓑ The information is based on the author's personal experience.
 - Ⓒ The source is one of several narratives by the author.
 - Ⓓ The source is a creative work about an event.

8. In preparation for writing a career exploration paper, you have gathered information about schooling, salary potential, and job outlook. However, you need to know what the job is like on a typical day. Which source would provide the best information?
- Ⓐ A website about the career
 - Ⓑ A research database
 - Ⓒ An interview with a person in that career
 - Ⓓ An interview with a college student studying in that field
9. You are creating a newscast on the decade of the 1940's for your drama class. Which of the sources below would not be helpful to you?
- Ⓐ CDs containing 1940's music
 - Ⓑ Online biographies
 - Ⓒ News clips about World War II
 - Ⓓ Plays written about the 1940's
10. You are doing a paper on the effectiveness of passenger screening at airports. You want data on what items and how many have been confiscated. Which of these websites would be the best place to get the data needed?
- Ⓐ U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA), charged with airport security
 - Ⓑ U.S. Department of Homeland Security, charged with protecting against terrorism
 - Ⓒ National Association of Airline Passengers, dedicated to protecting passenger interests
 - Ⓓ *Wikipedia* article on passenger screening



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1. A
2. D
3. B
4. B
5. A
6. A
7. A
8. C
9. D
10. A