

NoveList Plus Scavenger Hunt

Heard about NoveList Plus? If so, this scavenger hunt will be a cake walk! If not, it will help you learn how to use NoveList Plus to find good books — both fiction and nonfiction, for school and reading for fun.

First ask your librarian or teacher to help you log in. Follow along with this guide on your computer, and **make sure to answer all of the questions.**

The NoveList Plus homepage will look like the image shown here.

1) Take a look at the homepage. Click on your age group from the “**I’m in the mood for books that are...**” section. List one of the appeal word combinations from the tabs above the list of books:

For the appeal word combination listed above, list one of books displayed that matches these terms: _____

2) Near the top of the homepage you’ll see the **Search** box. This is where you type in keywords, a title, an audiobook or a series or author name to begin your search to find books. Let’s say that you saw the *Mockingjay* movie, and now you’re curious to read the book. Select **Title** from the drop-down menu beside the

Search box, then type in “Mockingjay” and click  .

3) At the Book Detail Page for *Mockingjay* you will find a ton of information about this book. See if you can answer the following questions. Who wrote the book? _____ How many popularity stars does it have? _____ What is the genre? _____ What pace is it? _____

Find the **Read-alikes** section on the right. List one of the books recommended for those who liked this book: _____ When you hover over a book jacket image, what information do you see? _____

4) Scroll to the bottom of the page. The reviews at the **Reviews** tab will give you a little more detail about what the book is about, including scope of what’s covered in the book. Are there any starred reviews? Yes No

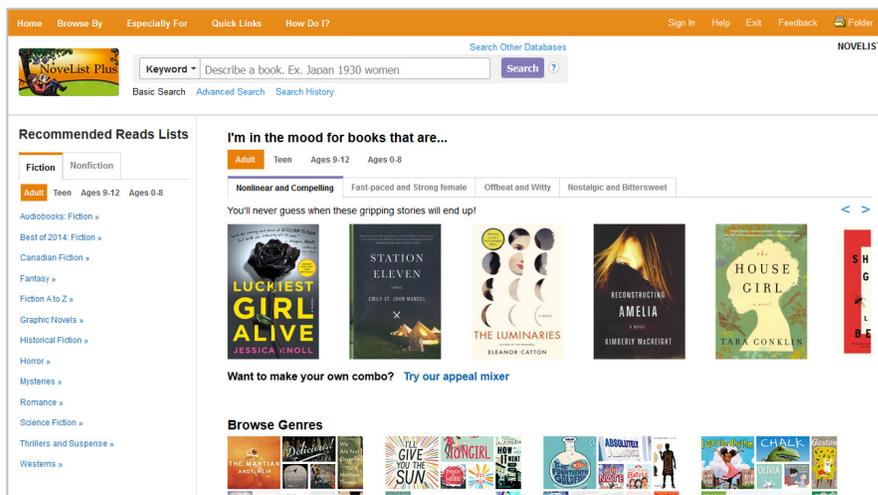
5) Click on the link for the **Hunger Games trilogy**. At the Series page, scroll down to find the books, which are displayed in reading order. Write down the title of the 2nd book in the series here: _____

6) Let’s try another search. Go to the **Search** box at the top of the page and click the X to clear the Search box. This time we’ll do a plot or keyword search, so select **Keyword** from the drop-down beside the Search box, then type “Holocaust World War II.” Click  . How many results do you get? _____

7) We should limit our results to the books we’re really interested in. By default, NoveList Plus searches both fiction and nonfiction at all reading levels. You want to find nonfiction books for a report and a fiction book to read, all at the Teens level. Find the **Refine Results** section on the left side. Select the checkboxes for the **Teens**

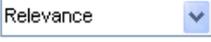
audience and **Nonfiction** and click  . How many books do you have? _____ What is the title of the 8th book on the list? _____

8) Next let’s find a fiction book about the Holocaust. At the Refine Results section, first clear the Nonfiction limiter by unchecking the **Nonfiction checkbox**, then check the **Fiction checkbox** and click  . How many teen-level, fiction books about the Holocaust do you get? _____



9) You still have a lot of books at your Result List, so let's return to the Refine Results section on the left side to make your list even shorter. Under the limiters, select one of the **category menus** (such as Storyline, Writing Style, or Tone), then select one of the **links** that displays below the category. What category and link did you select?

You can remove this selection if you want to return to your longer Result List. In the **Results For** bar above your results, you will see a "**breadcrumb trail**" which lists your original search terms and the added terms you selected from the category menus in the Refine Results section. Click the  beside the added term.

10) Even with a long Result List you can find the books you want by using the Sort by:  drop-down. You can sort by date newest to get the newest title listed first, or by popularity, to get the most asked-for book at the top of your list. If you are looking for a certain author, a sort by author would be the way to go. Sort this list by **popularity** and write down the title of the first book displayed: _____

11) There are several tabs above your Result List. The default is the **Books** tab, which lists all the books that relate to your search. Now click the **Lists & Articles** tab to find any NoveList Lists or Articles about the Holocaust and World War II. What is the first item in the list? _____

12) To the left of each item listed at the Lists & Articles tab is an **icon** that tells you what type of list or article the item is. Find a Grab and Go Book List and write the name of the list here: _____
Click on the link for the Grab and Go Book List and write down the title of a book that looks interesting: _____

13) Scroll to the top of the page and click the **NoveList Plus logo** in the top left corner to return to the homepage. At the homepage, on the left side just below the NoveList Plus logo you can find our **Recommended Reads Lists**, which have up to 20 books about a certain subject. These lists are organized by reading level, and by fiction and nonfiction. From within this box click the **Teen link** to view only those lists for Teens. How do you think you would get to the Nonfiction lists? _____

14) From the list of Fiction Recommended Reads Lists, select either **Graphic Novels and Manga** or **If You Like...**, then select a **list** that interests you from the popup that displays. The If You Like... lists identify read-alikes for a particular title, a ready-made list of books just like one you have read and enjoyed. Which Recommended Reads List did you select? _____

15) From the Recommended Reads List you selected, find three books you'd like to read and write the titles here. (Hint: Remember that you can hover over the book jacket image to read a description for a book!)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

16) For each of the books that you listed above, click  under the book jacket image. Now **scroll up** to find the  **Folder** link in the tool bar at the top of the screen. Click . You can now either print this list of books or save the list in a NoveList Plus folder:

- **To print the list of books:** From the folder, check the  **Select / deselect all** checkbox. Click  **Print**.
From the Print Manager click .
- **To save the list in a folder:** At the top of the folder, you will see a note "To store these items in the folder for a future session, Sign In." Click the **Sign In** link. From the Sign In page you can enter your **User Name** and **Password** if you already have created a NoveList account, or click **Create a new Account** to create an account. If you choose to create an account, enter the information requested then click .

Congratulations, you've completed the NoveList Plus Scavenger Hunt! If time allows try out your new NoveList Plus skills now to find a good book to read or for the current homework assignment.

Note to instructors: No answer key is provided due to the fact that answers may vary depending on addition of new content, database settings and/or subscriptions. Conducting your own searches prior to student use is advised.