

Harnessing Databases - An online database exercise
<http://homepage.mac.com/cohora/computer/db/db3.html>

Directions: First: write the kind of information you can obtain in each of these online databases. Next: use the database to answer the supplementary question(s).

1. Project Gutenberg - _____

List several classes at your school that could make effective use of this extensive resource.

Look up your favorite author. How many titles are listed? _____

(Cannot remember the author of your favorite book? Harness the database resources at Amazon.com or BarnesandNoble.com to find it.)

2. Artres.com _____

List 3 examples of keywords that can be used to search this database.

3. GAPE _____

Name a subject of a presentation where you might use this resource to enhance your key points.

4. PNDI _____

Name two groups who would use this information. _____

5. Votes Database _____

Select one person who represents you. _____

What is their record? _____

How could this information impact the next election? _____

6. PoliticalMoneyLine _____

Select one person who represents you. _____

Who is their largest out of state contributor? _____

7. Afro-Louisiana History and Genealogy

List four of the fields _____

8. NMVTIS _____

How does this resource aid consumers? _____

9. DSIRE _____

How many are available for your area? _____

10. Epicurious _____

Select a group of three keywords. Describe a situation in which they would be appropriate.

Challenges:

Biographical Dictionary of the United States Congress

How many people represented your state in 1900?

How many people represent your state today?

Is your state gaining influence in Congress or losing it?

Gutenberg was a pivotal person in information sharing. Use your online research skills to find out about him. How did he change information sharing?

Which database(s) did you harness in your efforts? _____

Tim Berners-Lee is a modern day Gutenberg. Do you dispute my assertion or concur with me? Support your answer.
