

## Grades 6-9 Answers

(Name of the database from where the answer(s) came is listed in bold)

1. Your textbook might have Pluto listed as the smallest planet, but astronomers have recently reclassified Pluto as what?

**Answer:** Dwarf planet, **Britannica**

2. Many of us have LCDs in our houses, our phones and in our laptops, but what does LCD mean?

**Answer:** Liquid-crystal display, **Britannica**

3. We know that honeycombs are where bees store honey but what does Honeycomb have to do with smart phones?

**Answer:** Operating system, **Student Research Center**

4. People say a picture is worth a thousand words. You can do image searches in most databases, by clicking the “Image Quick View” checkbox. Find and cite a photo of tourmaline.

**Answer:** **MAS Ultra School Edition**

5. The impact of the disaster at the Fukushima Nuclear plant in Japan has been compared to what Russian nuclear disaster?

**Answer:** Chernobyl, **Student Research Center** articles

6. Can you find a chart that shows the different layers of the Earth’s atmosphere?

**Answer:** **Britannica** article on earth

7. The **Windows on Maine** (WoM) database has some engaging videos, audio files, photos and maps dealing with a variety of Maine related topics. Using WoM: what is the name of the NOAA-funded research project looking at the link between weather and air quality?

**Answer:** Searched for NOAA

8. Where can you watch a video clip of people walking on the moon?

**Answer:** [Britannica](#)

9. **NoveList Plus** is a great database for compiling books on a particular subject, as well as suggesting reading material based on student's interest. Like Amazon, it will suggest other books the reader may like. Search for *The Orange Houses* and list another book they recommend.

**Answer:** [Different Drummers](#)

10. In fiction, invented worlds which are perfect are called utopias; invented worlds which are particularly bad or oppressive are called dystopias. Using **NoveList** can you list two (2) dystopic novels?

**Answer:** [Hunger Games](#) etc.

11. Laurie Halse Anderson wrote the award winning novel *Speak*. She also authored a piece of historical fiction set in Philadelphia. What is that book's title and its subject matter?

**Answer:** [Fever, 1793](#), [Novelist](#)

12. The **Literary Reference Center** is the place to go for reviews, criticism and plot summaries of thousands of novels, short stories, plays and poems. Find a plot summary for *To Kill a Mockingbird* and tell us the setting of the novel.

**Answer:** [More Than One Way to \(Mis\)Read a Mockingbird](#).

13. Zeus is the ruler of the Greek gods. Who is his Roman counterpart?

**Answer:** [Jupiter](#), [Britannica](#)

14. The Vikings colonized a large part of Europe in the 8th-11th centuries. What is another name for "Viking?"

**Answer:** [Norsemen](#), [Britannica](#)

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15. The Bill of Rights is often discussed in our country. Using the “Annals of American History” database, find the complete text. (teacher tip: to more easily navigate this site and the thousands of original source documents, consult 2 page guide:

**Answer:** [http://corporate.britannica.com.prxy2.ursus.maine.edu/annals\\_guided\\_tour.pdf](http://corporate.britannica.com.prxy2.ursus.maine.edu/annals_guided_tour.pdf)) **To cite this page:**

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<<http://www.america.eb.com.prxy1.ursus.maine.edu/america/article?articleId=385347&query=%22bill+of+rights%22>>

[Accessed May 16, 2011].

16. Using the **Windows on Maine** database, please find an example of Maine oral history.

**Answer:** Interview with lobsterman Richard Black, Bass Harbor, Feb. 6th 2003

17. Consulting a map, which country is NOT in South America? Brazil, Argentina, Monaco, Chile? **Answer:** Monaco, **World Atlas Britannica**

18. One of the most famous 20th century paintings by a Maine artist is *Christina's World*. Who painted it? **Answer:** Andrew Wyeth, **Middle Search Plus**

19. Pointillism was a distinct style of painting. Find an encyclopedia overview of this style.

**Answer:** **Funk and Wagnall's Encyclopedia**