Heard of NoveList K-8 Plus? If so, this scavenger hunt will be a cake walk! If not, it will help you learn how to use NoveList K-8 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 K-8 Plus homepage will look like the image shown here.

1) Take a look at the homepage. List two of the hot titles listed in the box titled “Like these? NoveList also recommends”:

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For one of the books you listed above, copy one of the book recommendations listed below the book jacket you chose:

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Click the link for the recommended title. What information is provided?

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2) Near the top of the homepage you’ll see the Search For… box. This is where you type in key words, a title, or a series or author name to begin your search to find books. Let’s say that a friend told you about the book Diary of a Wimpy Kid, and you’re curious to find out more about it. Select the Title radio button at the top of the Search For… box, then type in “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” and click Search.

3) Using the Sort by: Relevance drop-down, you can easily find the book you are looking for. You can sort by date descending 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 date ascending to find the oldest book and click on the title link.

4) At the Book Detail Page for Diary of a Wimpy Kid 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 genre is it? ________________ What tone does it have? ________________

Find the NoveList Also Recommends box. List the titles of one of the books recommended for those who liked this book: __________________________ How do you think you can print this list of recommendations?

5) Click on the series link for the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series. At the Series page, scroll down to find the titles, which are displayed in reading order. Write down the title of the 2nd book in the series here:

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6) Let’s try another search. Go to the Search For… box at the top of the page and click Clear. This time we’ll do a plot or keyword search, so make sure the All radio button is selected, then type “Holocaust World War II.” Let’s also limit this search to books for ages 9-12 so we find the best books for you. Check the Ages 9-12 checkbox and click Search. How many results do you get? _______

7) NoveList K-8 Plus searches both fiction and nonfiction. You want to find nonfiction books for a report and a fiction book to read. Find the Limit Your Results box on the right side. Select the checkbox for Nonfiction and click Update Results. How many books do you have? _______ What is the title of the 16th book on the list?
8) Next let's find a fiction book about the Holocaust. At the Limit Your Results box, first clear the Nonfiction limiter by unchecking the Nonfiction checkbox, then check the Fiction checkbox and click Update Results. How many fiction books about the Holocaust do you find for the Ages 9-12 level? __________

9) You still have a lot of books at your Result List, so let's use the Narrow Result By feature on the left side to make your list even shorter. Select one of the categories (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?

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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 Narrow Result By feature. Click the beside the added term.

10) 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.

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. Select 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 K-8 Plus logo in the top left corner to return to the homepage. At the homepage, on the left side just below the NoveList K-8 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 make sure the Ages 9-12 radio button is selected to view only those lists for ages 9-12. How do you think you would get to the Nonfiction lists?

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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 two 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. __________________________________________________

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 Folder. You now either print this list of books or save the list in a NoveList K-8 Plus folder. Check with your librarian or teacher before completing the next step.

- **To print the list of books:** From the folder, check the Select / deselect all checkbox. Click Print. From the Print Manager click Print.

- **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 Submit.

Congratulations, you've completed the NoveList K-8 Plus Scavenger Hunt! If time allows try out your new NoveList K-8 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.