Using Online Reference Databases: an Exercise

Instructors may want to use selected questions below

The databases listed below contain information from print reference books. All are accessible through the list of databases on the USM Libraries website (http://usm.maine.edu/library).

1. Using Credo Reference “browse” by subject for Food & Beverage, then click on Cambridge World History of Food. Under List of Contributors, who is the first person listed? ____________________________

2. According to this title, how many varieties of banana are recognized worldwide? ______

3. From the main Credo Reference page, search for Jellyfish. How many results did you get? ______

4. In that same search you will notice the entry from Animals: A Visual Encyclopedia. How many images does it list? ______

5. Using the link for Timelines within Oxford English Dictionary (OED), what is the peak 50-year period for drug use?_______

6. Search for the word Contagious in the OED. See the first entry. What is date of the first listed usage (Chaucer)? __________


8. Is the title A-Z of Plastic Surgery included in Oxford Reference Online? Yes No

9. Are the titles contained in Gale Virtual Reference Library listed alphabetically or by subject? __________

10. List one of the titles in GVRL. __________________________________________