

NoveList K-8 Plus Scavenger Hunt

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. 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, or a series or author name to begin your search to find books. Let’s say that you saw the *of a Wimpy Kid* movie, and now you’re curious to read the book. Select **Title** from the drop-down beside the Search box, then type in “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” and click  .

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

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 is the genre? _____ What tone does it have? _____

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? _____

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

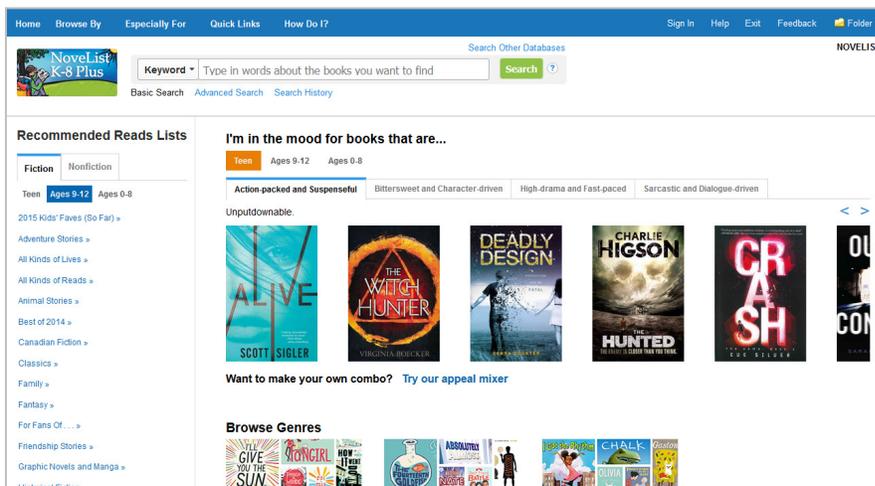
6) Let’s try another search. Go to the **Search** box at the top of the page and click the X to clear the Search box. This time we’ll do a plot or keyword search, so make sure **Keyword** is selected from the drop-down, then type

“Holocaust World War II.” Click  . At the Result List, let’s limit this search to books for ages 9-12. Find the

Refine Results section on the left. Check the **Ages 9-12 checkbox** and click  . 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. From the Refine Results section, select the checkbox for **Nonfiction** and click  . How many books do you have now? _____ 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 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 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) 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.

11) 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: _____

12) 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 button** is selected to view only those lists for ages 9-12. How do you think you would get to the Nonfiction lists?

13) 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? _____

14) 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. _____

15) 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 .
- **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 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.