**Ready Reference Questions Part 3**


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| Ready Reference Question Brief Answer | Non-Print #1 or Print Source indicated on the RRQ sheet | Non-Print #2 Other Authoritative Resource (institutions, assoc., library sites) | My Preference Evaluative comments (compare/contrast) |
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| 1. *Q:* Tell me the difference between "libel" and "slander".<br><br>*A:* Libel is a written defamatory statement, whereas slander is a spoken defamatory statement. | Wex (https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/defamation)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Legal Information Institute at Cornell Law School | StatPearls from the National Library of Medicine (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK531472/)<br><br>Creator(s)/Maintainer(s): Yasmyne Ronquillo and Matthew Varacallo (last updated: January 25, 2023) | Both sources provided me with the answer, but between the two sources, I would say that I preferred to use Wex since it is a law dictionary and encyclopedia, so it is a source more related to the topic of the question. Wex was also easier to find and navigate since it had a search bar that allowed me to search for terms. The other source was also reliable, but it was from a medical library and was harder to find and use. I found this by performing a filtered search (AND and site:.gov) using a search browser. |
| 2. *Q:* What was the principle involved in Brown vs. the Board of Education? | National Archives (https://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/brown-v-board-of-education) | United States Courts (https://www.uscourts.gov/educational-resources/educational-activities/history- | Both sources were created by government agencies, so they are reliable. Between the two |

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| *A:* The principle involved was the "separate but equal" principle or doctrine. It was overturned in this case. | Creator/Maintainer: The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (last updated: November 22, 2021) | brown-v-board-education-re-enactment)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts | sources, I would say that I preferred the National Archives source since it was updated in the past two years. The United States Courts source does not mention a published date, but it does state that a resource from 2001 was used to create the summaries on this page, so it does not seem to have been reviewed or updated recently. Also, the National Archives includes a transcript of the case, which shows the exact source of the information they used to create a summary of the case, which is present at the top of the page. |
| 3. *Q:* What is the age of marriage in Michigan, California, and Louisiana?<br><br>*A:* Michigan and Louisiana: minimum age with parental consent is 16; 18 without parental consent. California: No minimum age with parental consent; 18 | Wex (https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/table_marriage)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Legal Information Institute at Cornell Law School | FindLaw (https://www.findlaw.com/family/marriage/state-by-state-marriage-age-of-consent-laws.html)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: FindLaw Staff \| Legally reviewed by Nicole Prebeck, Esq. (last updated: December 30, 2022) | Both sources provided me with the answer. Between the two sources, I prefer to use Wex. The chart provided marriage ages, as well as links to the rules surrounding the selection of the ages. Wex is also a reliable and well-known source. FindLaw is also a |

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| without parental consent. | | | reliable source, but the chart provided does not give as much information. |
| 4. *Q:* What is a patent? How long is it good for?<br><br>*A:* A patent for an invention is the grant of a property right to the inventor. It is good for 20 years from the date it was filed. | United States Patent and Trademark Office (https://www.uspto.gov/patents/basics/general-information-patents)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: United States Patent and Trademark Office (last updated: January 10, 2023) | STOPfakes.gov (https://www.stopfakes.gov/article?id=What-is-a-Patent)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: U.S. Department of Commerce (last updated: July 7, 2016) | The sources provided me with the same answer. Both sources are reliable and maintained by government offices or departments. However, I preferred the United States Patent and Trademark Office source because it gives me an answer from the direct source that grants patents after they are filed. Also, this source is more current since it was updated this year, whereas STOPfakes.org was updated in 2016. |
| 5. *Q:* What is fair use?<br><br>*A:* A copyright principle that excuses unauthorized uses of a work when used for a transformative purpose such as research, scholarship, parody, criticism, or journalism. | Nolo's Plain-English Law Dictionary (https://www.nolo.com/dictionary/fair-use-term.html)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Nolo | Copyright Law of the United States (https://www.copyright.gov/title17/92chap1.html#107)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: U.S. Copyright Office | The two sources provided similar answers. I preferred Nolo's Plain-English Law Dictionary for this question because the definition provided was easy to understand, so it would be a good starting point for someone new to the topic. Also, Nolo's Plain-English Law Dictionary was |

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| | | | easier to navigate since it had a search bar. Although, once I found the Copyright Law online, I simply had to click the Section about fair use from the links provided on the side of the page, so it was quite easy to navigate as well. |
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| 8. *Q:* What trademarks does General Mills hold?<br><br>*A:* Lucky Charms, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Cocoa Puffs, Trix… | Trademark Electronic Search System (TESS) (https://tmsearch.uspto.gov/bin/showfield)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: United States Patent and Trademark Office (last updated: March 25, 2023) | Gerben Trademark Library (https://www.gerbenlaw.com/trademarks/food-companies/general-mills/)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Gerben Perrott PLLC, a trademark, patent, and copyright law firm (last updated: March 25, 2023) | Both sources were recently updated and from reliable authors, but I would say I preferred to use the Gerben Trademark Library for this question. I prefer Gerben because the website is easier to navigate. Once you got to Gerben's Trademark Library website, you scrolled to the "Food Companies" section, selected "General Mills," and then you were given a list of the company's trademarks. TESS had a search bar that was helpful, but it had you select the type of search to use first, which may be confusing for some people. |

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| | | | Also, TESS only allowed you to see 50 results at one time and had you click through multiple pages to see all of the results, which some people may find inconvenient. |
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| 14. *Q:* What is the "folie à deux"? I think it's a disease. Recommended treatments?<br><br>*A:* The "folie à deux," also called a shared psychotic disorder, is a rare disorder characterized by sharing a delusion among two or more people in a close relationship. Treatments include separation, psychotherapy… | StatPearls (https://www.statpearls.com/ArticleLibrary/viewarticle/27983)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Feras Al Saif, MBBCh, and Yasir Al Khalili, MD (last updated: August 29, 2022) | WebMD (https://www.webmd.com/schizophrenia/guide/shared-psychotic-disorder)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: WebMD Editorial Contributors \| Medically reviewed by Jennifer Casarella, MD, on April 22, 2021 | Both sources were written or checked by medical professionals on websites that are involved in the medical field, so I would say they are both reliable. Both sources split up their articles with headers that help with locating the desired information to answer this question. Between the two sources, I preferred StatPearl's article for this question because it was more recently updated, which is important with medical sources, and it provided the reader with more in-depth information on the disorder, which may be helpful for |

| | | | a patron that is interested in learning about this disorder and its treatments. |
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| 15. *Q:* What is the food pyramid?<br><br>*A:* It was a graphic representation of how many servings to eat from different food groups. It was replaced with "MyPlate" in 2011. Both representations help promote a healthy, balanced eating routine. | eMedicinehealth (https://www.emedicinehealth.com/what_is_the_food_pyramid_now/article_em.htm)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Dr. John P. Cunha | KidsHealth (https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/myplate.html?ref=search)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Mary L. Gavin, MD | Between the two sources, I preferred eMedicinehealth because it provided me with information on what the food pyramid was and about how it was updated to "MyPlate." The other source is what appeared after a search of "food pyramid" on KidsHealth; it only explained the new graphic representation and its purpose. Both sources were created and reviewed by doctors, so I believe they were both reliable. |
| 16. *Q:* How many calories are there in an olive?<br><br>*A:* About 5-6 calories | Healthline (https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/foods/olives#nutrients)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Adda Bjarnadottir, MS, RDN (Ice) and Kathy W. Warwick, R.D., CDE, Nutrition (last updated: February 13, 2023) | Cleveland Clinic: Health Essentials (https://health.clevelandclinic.org/are-olives-good-for-you/)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Cleveland Clinic \| No specific names listed (published on January 3, 2023) | I found similar answers from these sources; I answered with an estimate because of the slight difference in answers provided by the sources. Between the two sources, I preferred Healthline because the nutrition facts section was clearly labeled, so the |

|  |  |  | answer was easier to locate on the page, whereas the nutrition facts in the Cleveland Clinic article were harder to locate and required closer reading. I also like how the Healthline article provided actual author names and was medically reviewed by real medical professionals. |
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| 17. |  |  |  |
| 18. *Q:* What is a "Letter of Marque"?<br><br>*A:* A license giving authority to a private citizen allowing the citizen to engage in reprisals against citizens or vessels of another nation. | Wex (https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/letter_of_marque)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Legal Information Institute at Cornell Law School | Black's Law Dictionary (https://thelawdictionary.org/marque-and-reprisal-letters-of/)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: The Law Dictionary (TLD) \| No specific names are provided. | Both sources provided me with similar answers. Between the two sources, I preferred to use Wex because the definition was easier to understand and recently updated, and the creator/maintainer is clear and appears to be more reliable. Black's Law Dictionary provided a good definition, but not much is provided surrounding who creates or maintains web pages on the site. Also, The Law Dictionary's "About Us" page states that they have digitalized Black's Law Dictionary, 2nd Edition, which was |

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| | | | published in 1910, which may have been reliable at the time of its publication, but now it is quite outdated. |
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| 20. *Q:* Can you give me a complete list of presidential libraries?<br><br>*A:* Herbert Hoover Presidential Library, Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, Harry S. Truman Presidential Library… | National Archives (https://www.archives.gov/presidential-libraries/visit)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (last reviewed: September 11, 2017) | Federal Depository Library Program: LibGuides (https://libguides.fdlp.gov/presidential-documents/presidential-libraries-museums-monuments-and-historic-sites)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Federal Depository Library Program, part of the Government Publishing Office (last updated: January 28, 2023) | Both sources are reliable and provide a list of presidential libraries. FDPL's LibGuides webpage was recently updated, but the list of libraries is just one of the lists available on the page and only links to each library's website. I would say that I prefer the National Archives source since it provides links to each library's website and other information about the libraries, like their address and available services. The National Archives also provides a way for a person to contact each individual library. The information given in the National Archives source is more plentiful and user-focused. |
| 21. *Q:* What is CPI (Consumer Price | Bureau of Labor Statistics: Consumer Price | Investopedia.com (https://www.investopedia.com/terms/c | Both sources provided me with similar information |

| Index) and what does it consist of? | Index (https://www.bls.gov/cpi/questions-and-answers.htm) | /consumerpriceindex.asp) | to answer this question. I would |
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| *A:* A measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. Goods and services can be broken down into eight groups: food and beverages, housing, apparel… | Creator/Maintainer: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (last updated: January 18, 2023) | Creator: Jason Fernando \| Maintainers: Peter Westfall and Pete Rathburn (last updated: March 14, 2023) | say that I preferred to use the Bureau of Labor Statistics: Consumer Price Index's website because it provided a FAQ page, that breaks down into easy-to-understand sections, so it was not overwhelming even though the source was very informative. Also, I preferred this source because it was actually cited multiple times as a source in the article on Investopedia.com. |
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| 26. *Q:* How many bills did Bill Clinton veto as President?  Were any of these vetoes sustained?  *A:* He vetoed 37 bills. Yes, it looks like 10 bills were sustained. | United States Senate (https://www.senate.gov/legislative/vetoes/ClintonWJ.htm)  Creator/Maintainer: United States Senate | History, Art & Archives: United States House of Representatives (https://history.house.gov/Institution/Presidential-Vetoes/Presidential-Vetoes/)  Creator/Maintainer: The Office of the Historian and the Clerk of the House's Office of Art and Archives | These sources both helped me answer this question. Both sources are created and maintained by governmental agencies. Between the two sources, I preferred the United States Senate source since it focused only on bills that Bill Clinton vetoed, whereas the other source included a chart of all of the presidents. The |

| | | | United States Senate source was also more informative. It provided information about the bills, like their number, subject, veto date, presidential message, and most importantly, status. The status column was where I discovered if the bills were sustained. |
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| 28. *Q:* Which are the fastest growing occupations?<br><br>*A:* Nurse practitioners, Wind turbine service technicians, usher, lobby attendants, and ticket takers… | Occupational Outlook Handbook (https://www.bls.gov/ooh/fastest-growing.htm)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (last updated: September 8, 2022) | Statista (https://www.statista.com/statistics/218258/top-30-occupations-with-the-fastest-projected-employment-growth-in-the-us/)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Statista Research Department (published on October 12, 2022) | Both sources are from reliable authors and were recently published in the past year. I preferred to use the Occupational Outlook Handbook for this question because it provided a longer list of occupations (20 occupations to Statista's list of 15 occupations). Also, I preferred this source because it included extra information that might be of interest to someone asking this question, such as the growth rate percentage and the median pay for each occupation. Statista requires |

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| | | | you to make an account to access any more information on this topic, which may be inconvenient to some people. |
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| 30. *Q:* Who designed the Library of Congress stamp which came out on the occasion of its bicentennial anniversary?<br><br>*A:* Ethel Kessler | Congress.gov (https://www.congress.gov/congressional-record/volume-146/issue-47/senate-section/article/S2715-2)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Library of Congress (Congressional Record from April 13, 2000) | Library of Congress (https://www.loc.gov/loc/lcib/9911/stamp.html)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Library of Congress (November 1999 Bulletin) | I discovered that both sources are actually created and maintained by the Library of Congress, so they are both reliable. Both sources were published around the same time as well. Between the two sources, I preferred to use the source on the Library of Congress website since it was presented in an easy-to-read article format and included pictures of the stamp and its designer. |
| 31a. *Q:* What is malaria? What are the symptoms?<br><br>*A:* Malaria is a serious and sometimes fatal disease caused by a parasite that commonly infects a certain type of mosquito that feeds on humans. Symptoms can include fever, | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (https://www.cdc.gov/malaria/about/faqs.html)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | Mayo Clinic (https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/malaria/symptoms-causes/syc-20351184)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Mayo Clinic Staff | Both sources gave me similar definitions and symptoms, and I find both sources to be reliable. Between the two sources, I prefer the Mayo Clinic for this question because the article is easy to follow and it is easy to locate the desired information. It is in |

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| shaking chills, headache… | | | clearly defined sections and includes bullet point lists to summarize information. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is a good source, but the way the page is broken down into FAQs may be a bit confusing for some people. |
| 31b. *Q:* What is BMI and how is it calculated?<br><br>*A:* Body mass index (BMI) is a medical tool that measures the ratio of your height to your weight to estimate the amount of body fat you have. It is calculated by using weight in kilograms (kg) divided by the square of height in meters (m2). | Cleveland Clinic (https://my.clevelan dclinic.org/health/ar ticles/9464-body-mass-index-bmi)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: Cleveland Clinic (last reviewed: May 9, 2022) | National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (https://www.nhlbi. nih.gov/health/educ ational/lose_wt/BM I/bmicalc.htm)<br><br>Creator/Maintainer: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services | Both sources provided me with a similar answer. Also, both sources are created and maintained by reliable authors. Between the two sources, I preferred the Cleveland Clinic article. Cleveland Clinic provided the reader with the definition and its uses, and it showed the reader how to calculate the BMI in pounds and inches, which are measurements more common in the U.S. One positive about the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's website is it provided the user with a BMI calculator, which would be a helpful tool for those who |

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