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### READY REFERENCE QUESTIONS PART I:

Ready Reference Questions	Print Source	Non-Print	My Preference Comments
2. I need the dates of the Orthodox Easter in 2010 and 2020.	<b><u>The World Almanac</u></b> April 4, 2010 and April 19, 2020 (handy chart)	<a href="http://www.timeanddate.com">www.timeanddate.com</a> : Sunday April 4, 2010 and Sunday April 19, 2020	While google pulled up results quickly, the actual website was tricky to navigate. With the almanac, it was a simple look in the index to find the right page and the page included all orthodox Christian holidays and dates, not just Easter.
3. Can you give me the ISSN for <i>Audubon Magazine</i> ?	<b><u>ULRICH'S INTERNATIONAL PERIODICALS DIRECTORY ON THE WEB</u></b> : 0097-7136 (Could not find a directory of periodicals in print)	○ <a href="http://www.worldcat.org">www.worldcat.org</a> : 0097-7136	Worldcat was much easier to use. Ulrich's could only be reached through my public library's portal and it took some work to get signed in correctly.
5. Can you tell me when I can plant basil outside?	<b><u>Old Farmer's Almanac</u></b> Wait until the danger of frost has passed. Plant in warm soil in full sun. (Edition I found was a little dated, publishing date 2010)	○ <a href="http://www.almanac.com">www.almanac.com</a> : wait until the soil is at least 50 degrees—preferably around 70°F for best growth.	I preferred working with the Old Farmer's Almanac as it provided a chart of dates for each different climate in the US in which certain plants should be planted both indoors and outdoors

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<p>6. I need a list of McKinley's Cabinet.</p>	<p><b><u>The Vice-Presidents and Cabinet Members</u></b> (published 1975)          No list, individual biographies of cabinet members by term/date</p>	<p><a href="http://www.potus.com">www.potus.com</a> : Secretary of State <a href="#">John Sherman</a> (1897-98) <a href="#">William R. Day</a> (1898-1901) John M. Hay (1898-1901)          Secretary of the Treasury <a href="#">Lyman J. Gage</a> (1897-1901)          Secretary of War <a href="#">Russell A. Alger</a> (1897-99) <a href="#">Elihu Root</a> (1899-1901)          Attorney General <a href="#">Joseph McKenna</a> (1897-98) John W. Griggs (1898-1901) <a href="#">Philander C. Knox</a> (1901)          Postmaster General James A. Gary (1897-98) <a href="#">Charles Emory Smith</a> (1898-1901)          Secretary of the Navy John D. Long (1897-1901)          Secretary of the Interior Cornelius N. Bliss (1897-99) <a href="#">Ethan A. Hitchcock</a> (1899-1901)          Secretary of Agriculture <a href="#">James Wilson</a> (1897-1901)</p>	<p>Potus.com was a wonderful resource. All of its lists of individuals were well organized and cross-referenced.</p>
<p>8. Can you help me locate the Sue Grafton's latest book?</p>	<p>o <b><u>Books in Print</u></b> (2014 ed)          Had entry for "W is for Wasted" ISBN-13: 9780399575242</p>	<p><a href="http://www.penguinandrandomhouse.com">www.penguinandrandomhouse.com</a>:          Entry for "Y is for Yesterday"          ISBN-13: 9780399163852</p>	<p>The website was very easy to use as you just type in an author and all their books are listed. The Books in Print index was well organized, though such a thick volume is hard to handle.</p>
<p>10. Can you help me locate the s of the Declaration of Independence</p>	<p><b><u>Oxford Handbook of the American Revolution</u></b>          John Hancock, Josiah Bartlett, William Whipple, Matthew Thornton, Samuel Adams, John Adams, Robert Treat Paine, Elbridge Gerry, Stephen Hopkins, William Ellery, Roger Sherman,</p>	<p><a href="http://www.ushistory.org">www.ushistory.org</a>          Delaware:  <a href="#">George Read</a>   <a href="#">Caesar Rodney</a>   <a href="#">Thomas McKean</a>            Pennsylvania:  <a href="#">George Clymer</a>   <a href="#">Benjamin Franklin</a>   <a href="#">Robert Morris</a>   <a href="#">John Morton</a>   <a href="#">Benjamin Rush</a>   <a href="#">George Ross</a>   <a href="#">James Smith</a>   <a href="#">James Wilson</a>   <a href="#">George Taylor</a>            Massachusetts:  <a href="#">John Adams</a>   <a href="#">Samuel Adams</a>   <a href="#">John Hancock</a>   <a href="#">Robert Treat Paine</a>   <a href="#">Elbridge Gerry</a>          New Hampshire:  <a href="#">Josiah Bartlett</a>   <a href="#">William Whipple</a>   <a href="#">Matthew Thornton</a>  </p>	<p>The website was much easier to use and well cross-referenced. I appreciated that the individuals were listed by state. I only stumbled across the list in the handbook as I was looking for the index.</p>

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	<p>Samuel Huntington, William Williams, Oliver Wolcott, William Floyd, Philip Livingston, Francis Lewis, Lewis Morris, Richard Stockton, John Witherspoon, Francis Hopkinson, et. al.</p> <p>(list found in appendix. In order by the order in which they signed)</p>	<p>Rhode Island:  <a href="#">Stephen Hopkins</a>   <a href="#">William Ellery</a>            New York:  <a href="#">Lewis Morris</a>   <a href="#">Philip Livingston</a>   <a href="#">Francis Lewis</a>   <a href="#">William Floyd</a>            Georgia:  <a href="#">Button Gwinnett</a>   <a href="#">Lyman Hall</a>   <a href="#">George Walton</a>            Virginia:  <a href="#">Richard Henry Lee</a>   <a href="#">Francis Lightfoot Lee</a>   <a href="#">Carter Braxton</a>   <a href="#">Benjamin Harrison</a>   <a href="#">Thomas Jefferson</a>   <a href="#">George Wythe</a>   <a href="#">Thomas Nelson, Jr.</a>            North Carolina:  <a href="#">William Hooper</a>   <a href="#">John Penn</a>   <a href="#">Joseph Hewes</a>          South Carolina:  <a href="#">Edward Rutledge</a>   <a href="#">Arthur Middleton</a>   <a href="#">Thomas Lynch, Jr.</a>   <a href="#">Thomas Heyward, Jr.</a>            New Jersey:  <a href="#">Abraham Clark</a>   <a href="#">John Hart</a>   <a href="#">Francis Hopkinson</a>   <a href="#">Richard Stockton</a>   <a href="#">John Witherspoon</a>            Connecticut:  <a href="#">Samuel Huntington</a>   <a href="#">Roger Sherman</a>   <a href="#">William Williams</a>   <a href="#">Oliver Wolcott</a>            Maryland:  <a href="#">Charles Carroll</a>   <a href="#">Samuel Chase</a>   <a href="#">Thomas Stone</a>   <a href="#">William Paca</a>  </p>	
12. I need the address for the headquarters of Mothers Against Drivers.	<p><a href="http://www.guidestar.org">www.guidestar.org</a>  <b>Main Address</b>          511 E John Carpenter Fwy Suite 700          Irving, TX 75062 USA          (Could not find print directory for non-profit orgs)</p>	<p><a href="http://www.madd.org">www.madd.org</a>          511 E. John Carpenter Freeway          Irving, TX 75062</p>	Both sources were easy to navigate, but the MADD website contained much more information than the guidestar site.
13. What is the cost of a subscription the <i>American Libraries</i> magazine	<p><u>ULRICH'S</u>  <u>INTERNATIONAL</u>  <u>PERIODICALS</u>  <u>DIRECTORY ON THE WEB:</u>          Listed cost as \$70 a year</p>	<p><a href="http://www.americanlibrariesmagazine.org">www.americanlibrariesmagazine.org</a>          Institutional subscriptions are \$70/year in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, \$80/year elsewhere.</p>	American Libraries' homepage was very easy to navigate. The information on pricing was probably the

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	(Could not find a directory of periodicals in print)		second button I found. Ulrich's was lacking in information, but it linked to the American Libraries' homepage.
16. I need a complete list of all the books Danielle Steele has published since 1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b><u>Books in Print</u></b> (2014 ed) Missing her newest few novels, the rest are listed chronologically.</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.bookseriesinorder.com">www.bookseriesinorder.com</a> There's a lot of them. 1990 publication of Message from Nam to 2017 publication of Past Perfect	The website was very easy to use as you just type in an author and all their books are listed in "series" and "stand alone" groups. The Books in Print index was well organized, though such a thick volume is hard to handle.
19. I need a list of libraries in New York City.	<b><u>American Library Directory</u></b> organized by state and city. Listed alphabetically. Lists private libraries, museum libraries, consortia, and other private collections alongside public libraries	<a href="http://www.nypl.org">www.nypl.org</a> There are 92 libraries listed as a part of the New York City Public Library System	This was a tricky question. I went with the assumption that the question was being asked by someone who would like to access the libraries, so I focused on public. The NYPL site was easy to navigate, but I had to count each library on the list (no 'results 1-12 of 92')

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20. Can you provide me with a list of universities in South Africa?	<p>○ <b><u>Hoover's Company Profiles</u></b></p> <p>There were 13 listings arranged alphabetically.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.africauniversities.org">www.africauniversities.org</a></p> <p>There are 22 universities listed on the site including the University of Cape Town and Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University. Organized by founding date (though I'm not sure of this as not every entry contained a link)</p>	The website provided a more comprehensive list. It also included links to each university's homepage.
21. I need information on the Mellon Foundation.	<p><b><u>THE FOUNDATION DIRECTORY</u></b></p> <p>Contained long biographical entry for Andrew W. Mellon Foundation including history/mission. Contact information included at end of entry.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.mellon.org">www.mellon.org</a></p> <p>Contact information, Mission, History, and Staff listed on website along with much more information about programs, grants, resources and initiatives</p>	Both the website and the directory contained much of the same information. Directory was easier to use as the Mellon site was cluttered with too many sections/toolbars
23. Can you name the five tallest buildings in the world?	<p><b><u>Guinness Book of World Records (2015)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Burj Khalifa</li> <li>2. Shanghai Tower</li> <li>3. Makkah Royal Clock Tower</li> <li>4. Ping An Finance Centre</li> <li>5. Goldin Finance 117</li> </ol> <p>(lists the top ten tallest buildings)</p>	<p><a href="http://www.worldatlas.com">www.worldatlas.com</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Burj Khalifa, United Arab Emirates - 2717 Feet</li> <li>2. Shanghai Tower, China - 2073 Feet</li> <li>3. Makkah Royal Clock Tower, Saudi Arabia - 1972 Feet</li> <li>4. Pang An International Finance Centre, China - 1965 ft</li> <li>5. Lotte World Tower, South Korea - 1819 feet</li> </ol>	It was interesting to see that these hadn't changed much in several years. I could only find a Guinness Book from 2015. The list you see in the website column is copied directly from the website. It was very informative and quick to use.

24. Can you tell me how large in area the Maldives are and their current population?	<b><u>Oxford Atlas of the World</u></b> (2016) Listed population of 402,071 and area as 115 sq. Miles	<a href="http://www.worldometers.info">http://www.worldometers.info</a>  Population of 444,259 as of Saturday, Feb 10, 2018. The total land area is 300 Km <sup>2</sup> (116 sq. miles)	I enjoyed using the website as it is updated daily so there was a lot of interesting data on the site. The atlas was easy to use, but it contained less information that was also out of date (used 2014 census data)
25. I need a list of metric units.	<b><u>Metric Handbook: Planning and Design Data</u></b> Full list of metric units and a chart of prefixes included on page 14	<a href="http://www.us-metric.org">http://www.us-metric.org</a> contains a complete list of commonly used metric units and prefixes: meter, gram, liter, mathematic meanings of prefixes	The handbook was much easier to use. I actually stumbled on the chart trying to find the contents page. While the website had more information in its chart, the chart was clumsy and too full. The Metric Handbook contained conversions and equations on the next several pages where the website had only an overly complicated conversion calculator. It was kind of funny to me because I own an imperial-to-metric slide rule from the 60s/70s that is easier by far to use than either of these sources and it's only as big as an index card. How can a piece of cardboard be quicker and less complicated than an internet calculator?