

Preliminary Data Collection Handout

| ASSIGNMENT EXAMPLE |

The tables below provide guiding questions that can help you collect preliminary data as you research on imprints and footprints in the database - Footprints: Jewish Books through Time and Place (<https://footprints.ctl.columbia.edu>).

Table A: The Imprint

Guiding Questions	Your Response
What is the title of the book?	
Where is the book found presently?	
What is the call number?	
Where was it printed?	
What is the date of publication?	

Table B: The Footprint

Guiding Questions	Your Response
What evidence have you found in this book copy? (i.e. notes, pieces of paper, bookplates, signatures, lists, stamps). List the evidence specifically by trying to decipher signatures and marginalia.	
What can you learn from this evidence? (feel free to look up names)	
How many footprints do you think you can gather from this book? In other words, how many times do you think this book changed hands/locations? List them.	
What research questions does this work generate for you?	
What are the challenges of doing this research?	