

Web databases
Assignment 4 – *GaleNet*

GaleNet has three different databases for different research needs:

- a. *Biography Resource Center + The Complete Marquis Who's Who*
- b. *Health and Wellness Resource Center*
- c. *Literature Resource Center - LRC*

For this assignment, you need to search only the *Biography Resource Center + The Complete Marquis Who's Who* and the *Literature Resource Center - LRC*.

Part I. Literature Resource Center - LRC

The search screen of **LRC** is divided into two parts: the main frame with white background and the side frame with blue background. The side frame has a list of link buttons for various purposes such as access to *Encyclopedia of Literature* and *Gale's Literary Index*; you will not use these two files.

For part I, you need to use the eight different types of search: author search, title search, genre search, literary movement/time period search, literary themes search, essays on publishing companies search, essays on literary topics search, and custom search. For each of the following questions, you need to specify what type of search you used.

1. One of the most popular piece of music used in commercials and movies is called *Carmina Burana*; its lyrics come from a medieval manuscript that was set to music by Carl Orff. You want to find an essay on this literary manuscript. Please answer the following questions:
 - a. Which type of search did you choose? Why?
 - b. Write down the approximate date and the other name of *Carmina Burana*.
2. You have enjoyed the movie *Before Night Falls*, based on the autobiographical novel of Cuban author Reinaldo Arenas. You want to find other novels written by Cuban authors. Please answer the following questions:
 - a. Which type of search did you choose? Why?
 - b. Which search limit options did you use? (For example: genre = poem, literary theme = abandonment, etc.).
 - c. How many Cuban authors are listed in the result list?
 - d. List the citation of the reference book where you can find Reinaldo Arenas' biography.

(**Note:** a citation must list author or editor, title, periodical name, volume or issue number, date (month, day, year), page(s) number.)

3. You have enjoyed Allen Ginsberg's *Howl and Other Poems*, published by City Light Books in San Francisco. You want to find more information about this publisher. Please answer the following questions:

- a. Which type of search did you choose? Why?
- b. Write down the date when City Light Books was founded and the name of the two founders.

4. You want to find authors who have written on the theme of *unrequited love*. Please answer the following questions:

- a. Which type of search did you choose? Why?
- b. How many authors are listed under this literary theme?
- c. Write down the title of the epic romance written by Ludovico Ariosto.
- d. Write down the major themes covered in this epic.

5. You want to find authors who have written film scripts, considered a literary genre. Please answer the following questions:

- a. Which type of search did you choose? Why?
- b. How many authors (documents) are listed in this genre?
- c. What is the ethnicity of author **Sherman Alexie**?
- d. Write down the title of the screenplay that was made into a motion picture of the same title by **Sherman Alexie**.

Note: There are four documents listed under **Sherman Alexie**, select the document from the Dictionary of Literary Biography.

6. You have enjoyed the book *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac, an author considered part of the Beat movement. You want to find other authors who were part of this literary group. Please answer the following questions:

- a. Which type of search did you choose? Why?
- b. How many authors (documents) are listed in this movement?.
- c. List three works by Allen Ginsberg.
- d. Write down the name of the critic who called Ginsberg "America's best known poet".

7. You want to learn more about Vietnamese author Nguyen Dinh Hoa and his works.

Note: His last name is Nguyen; in Vietnamese names, the last name is always listed before the first name. Please answer the following questions:

- a. Which type of search did you choose? Why?

- b. List three works by this author.
- c. List all awards won by this author.

8. You want to learn more about the French epic called *Chanson de Roland*. Please answer the following questions:

- a. Which type of search did you choose? Why?
- b. Write down the keyword (s) you typed in the search box.
- c. Write down any search limit option(s) you used (for example: did you put a checkmark by “*match words exactly as entered*”, or “*match all words entered*”, etc.?)
- d. Write down the name of the poetic form associated with the epic *Chanson de Roland*.

9. You want to find African American authors, belonging to the Harlem renaissance movement, who have written plays. Please answer the following questions:

- a. Which type of search did you choose? Why?
- b. Which search limit options did you use? (For example: genre = poetry, literary theme = abandonment, etc.).
- c. How many documents did you obtain?
- d. List the title of the play, place and date of the production created by Countee Cullen.

10. You want to find Senegalese author who have written novels. Please answer the following questions:

- a. Which type of search did you choose? Why?
- b. Which search limit options did you use? (For example: genre = poem, literary theme = abandonment, etc.).
- c. How many Senegalese authors are listed in the result list?
- d. List the titles of three books written by Armah, Ayi Kwei.

Part II. Biography Resource Center

Biography Resource Center has two types of search: Custom search and Full-text search. For each of the following questions, you need to specify what type of search you used.

1. You want to find a biography of a popular American lyricist whose last name you forgot except that it begins with the letter “A”; you are sure that you will recognize it when you see it. Please answer the following questions:

- a. Which type of search did you choose? Why?
- b. Which search limit options did you use? (For example: occupation = teacher, nationality = French, etc.).

- c. How many lyricists are listed in the result list?
 - d. You have recognized the name of Howard Ashman; list the titles of three film works that Howard Ashman has written the lyrics for the songs.
2. You want to find biographies of Chinese philosophers who were associated the *Tao the ching* 's teaching. Please answer the following questions:
- a. Which type of search did you choose? Why? (Hint: Question c below will give you the clue)
 - b. Write down the keywords and Boolean operator(s) you typed in the search box.
 - c. Which search limit options did you use? (For example: Did you select *any of the word*, or *Boolean phrase*, etc.)
 - d. How many Chinese philosophers are listed in the result list?
 - e. List the name of three Chinese philosophers.
3. You forgot the name of a famous Christian saint and who was born in present-day Algeria; you remember however the title of his influential work *The Confessions*. Please answer the following questions:
- a. Which type of search did you choose? Why? (Hint: Question c below will give you the clue)
 - b. Write down the keywords and Boolean operator(s) you typed in the search box.
 - c. Which search limit options did you use? (For example: Did you select *any of the word*, or *Boolean phrase*, etc.)
 - d. How many saints are listed in the result list?
 - e. Write down the date and place of birth of St. Augustine.
4. You recently heard a beautiful piece of music and were told that it was adapted from the work of a German abbess who was born before the 12th century (1100). You want to learn more about this abbess. Please answer the following questions:
- a. Which type of search did you choose? Why? (Hint: Question b below will give you the clue)
 - b. Which search limit options did you use? (For example: occupation = teacher, nationality = French, etc.).
 - c. How many abbesses are listed in the result list?
 - d. List the titles of three works by Hildegard von Bingen.