

Web databases  
Assignment 3 – *Facts on File*

***Facts on File*** has four different databases for different research needs:

- a. *Science Databases*
- b. *History Databases*
- c. *Multicultural Databases*
- d. *Geography Databases*

For each of the topic below, you need to choose one specific database to answer the question and explain why you chose this database. Except for *Geography Database*, all the other databases have subfiles. When you choose *Science Databases*, *History Databases*, and *Multicultural Databases* to answer the question, you must specify which subfile and its subdivisions and why you chose it. For example:

History Databases – American Women’s History On-Line – Biographies – Feminist Activism – Abzug, Bella.

1. You need to find the location of a place called **Da Nang** and print out the political map of the country where **Da Nang** is located. (Note: You may need to click on “*Click for printable format*” to get the enlarged map in PDF format in order to better view the location of a place.) Please answer the following questions:
  - a. Which database did you choose? Why?
  - b. Write down path which lead you to the answer. For example:  
History Databases – American Women’s History On-Line – Biographies – Feminist Activism – Abzug, Bella.
  - c. Write down the name of the country and the location of Da Nang in this country.
2. You need to find the location of a place called **Timbuktu** and print out the political map of the country where **Timbuktu** is located. (Note: You may need to click on “*Click for printable format*” to get the enlarged map in PDF format in order to better view the location of a place.) Please answer the following questions:
  - a. Which database did you choose? Why?
  - b. Write down path which lead you to the answer. For example:  
History Databases – American Women’s History On-Line – Biographies – Feminist Activism – Abzug, Bella.
  - c. Write down the name of the country and the name of the river where **Timbuktu** is located.
3. You need to find the time-line of **Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers (UFW) struggle**. (Hint: you need to know the time period when this happened in

order to answer this question; it happened during the time period called *LaRaza Unida*.) Please answer the following questions:

- a. Which database did you choose? Why?
- b. Write down path which lead you to the answer. For example:  
History Databases – American Women’s History On-Line – Biographies – Feminist Activism – Abzug, Bella.
- c. Write down the date when the *United Farm Workers* group was formed and the name of the two groups that composed it.

4. You need find out facts about U.S. territorial gains, including the Gadsden purchase, after the Mexican-American War. (Hint: you need to know the time period when this happened in order to answer this question; it happened during the time period between 1836-1900.) Please answer the following questions:

- a. Which database did you choose? Why?
- b. Write down path which lead you to the answer. For example:  
History Databases – American Women’s History On-Line – Biographies – Feminist Activism – Abzug, Bella.
- c. Write down amount the U.S. paid for the Gadsden purchase, and the number of square miles involved in this purchase.

5. You particularly want to search for newspaper articles about **prescription drugs escalating prices**. Please answer the following questions:

- d. Which database did you choose? Why?
- e. Write down path which lead you to the answer. For example:  
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6. You particularly want to search for newspaper articles about **the division in the scientific world regarding biotech foods**. Please answer the following questions:

- f. Which database did you choose? Why?
- g. Write down path which lead you to the answer. For example:  
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7. You need to find data regarding **the total energy consumed by California residents in 1997**. Please answer the following questions:

- h. Which database did you choose? Why?

- i. Write down path which lead you to the answer. For example:  
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Write down the name of the country and the name of the river where **Timbuktu** is located.
8. According to the 1990 U. S. census, after English and Spanish, **which is the third language most spoken at home?** Please answer the following questions:
- j. Which database did you choose? Why?
- k. Write down path which lead you to the answer. For example:  
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9. Write down the name of the country and the name of the river where **Timbuktu** is located. You need to search for articles about **the future of AOL after its merger with Time Warner**. Please answer the following questions:
- l. Which database did you choose? Why?
- m. Write down path which lead you to the answer. For example:  
History Databases – American Women’s History On-Line – Biographies – Feminist Activism – Abzug, Bella.  
Write down the name of the country and the name of the river where **Timbuktu** is located.
10. You need to search for articles about **the democracy struggle in Africa**. Please answer the following questions:
- n. Which database did you choose? Why?
- o. Write down path which lead you to the answer. For example:  
History Databases – American Women’s History On-Line – Biographies – Feminist Activism – Abzug, Bella.
11. Write down the name of the country and the name of the river where **Timbuktu** is located. You particularly want to search for newspaper articles about **zero tolerance policy in schools**. Please answer the following questions:
- p. Which database did you choose? Why?
- q. Write down path which lead you to the answer. For example:  
History Databases – American Women’s History On-Line – Biographies – Feminist Activism – Abzug, Bella.  
Write down the name of the country and the name of the river where **Timbuktu** is located.
12. You need to find data about the **literacy rate of Vietnam**. Please answer the following questions:
- a. Which database did you choose? Why?
- r. Which database did you choose? Why?

s. Write down path which lead you to the answer. For example:

History Databases – American Women’s History On-Line – Biographies – Feminist Activism – Abzug, Bella.

Write down the name of the country and the name of the river where **Timbuktu** is located.