

READ Scale developed by Dr. Bella Karr Gerlich

#1

Answers that do not require effort and are less than 5 minutes.

#2

Only need minimal knowledge and may need short look at resources

#3

Some effort and time required. May use ready reference, require minor instruction and start to use reference knowledge or skills.

#4

Needs multiple resources or specialist, reference knowledge is needed, teaching more indepth research skills, and may not have definite answer.

#5

More effort and time spent on finding sources, subject specialists may be needed,, looking for multiple sources, reference and research skills are needed, may not be solved in one sitting.

#6

MOST effort and time, can't be answered on the spot, providing in-depth research, more special library/subject specialist related, primary docs and secondary sources.

Questions for the Weekly Diary:

1. Which reference question(s) were most difficult to answer?
Why was this question(s) difficult?
2. Which reference question(s) took the most time to answer?
Why did this question(s) take the most time?
3. Which reference question(s) was most fun to answer?
Why was this question(s) the most fun?
4. How did your MLIS help you answer questions this week? (Leave blank if you do not have your MLIS)
How did any other degrees (high-school, associates, etc.) help you answer any reference questions this week? (If not, please leave blank)
How did any other type of education/skills help you answer reference questions?
5. Did you work with a colleague on any reference questions this week?
If "Yes" is selected: Why? How did you work together? Was it helpful?
6. Did you encounter any reference questions that were similar to ones you had gotten previously?
If "Yes" is selected: If so, did this previous question impact your answer?
If "Yes" is selected: How did the previous question impact how you answered the one this week?
7. This week, have you done any continuing education (formal or informal)?
If "Yes" is selected: What did you do? Was it useful for reference? How so?
8. Any other questions or comments you think we should know?