

Secret Researcher Questions – PCC LIB 102 – Student samples

NOTE: These questions—used by former students in LIB 102—are provided to help you generate ideas. But you must **come up with a NEW QUESTION not on this list** to use for your Secret Researcher Project.

- How does music effect people emotionally, and what research has been done to document these effects?
- Where does Facebook get its revenue from?
- Where in the Los Angeles area can I find buildings built in the Google architecture style?
- Were public schools in California ever legally segregated? How and when did such schools become integrated?
- I'm interested in zip-lining. Can you help me find information about what preparation is required for it, what equipment is necessary, and where in California I can try it?
- Last year, gas prices in California went noticeably higher. Why, and what caused the price to go back down?
- How does Asperger's Syndrome affect a person socially?
- When did music producers stop printing vinyl records and start using CDs as their primary way of releasing and selling popular music?
- Where can I find information about the prehistoric plants that used to grow in Southern California?
- How can I rebuild a 1988 Cadillac engine? What tools and resources would I need?
- What does research indicate is the cause of America's obesity epidemic? Which seems to have a greater influence: Individuals making poor choices regarding diet and activity, or social forces such as fast-food marketing or poverty?
- I would like to find the most current information about treatments for Crohn's Disease, and where the best treatment can be found.
- What, if any, children's books about women artists have won major awards in the last decade?
- I'm researching gravity furnaces and need to know: How do they work? How are they manufactured? How are they serviced?
- I've heard that BPA is a substance that poses risk for human health. Can you help me locate recent studies describing the health risks associated with BPA?
- How has Japanese animation influenced American teen culture?
- I'd like to know more about the differences between copyright and trademarks. Can you help me find some good resources about both processes – how they apply, in what contexts, and how I might gain copyright or trademark protection for a character I've created?
- Where can I find information that will explain the causes of homelessness in the U.S.?
- How can I find out information (statistics, reports, etc.) on the annual revenue generated in the City of Los Angeles from any type of vehicle citation, and how that money is used?
- What is the history of the Photobooth? Who created it, when was it created, and where was it created?
- How can I get French citizenship?

- What, if any, animals have been threatened with extinction in the United States because of global warming?
- What does research show regarding the importance of routine sleep patterns to teenagers' well-being and performance?
- I'm looking for information regarding a famous baseball artifact. What happened to the ball hit by Mickey Mantle in 1960 when he recorded the longest home run hit ever? Was it recovered? Who has ownership of it now, and what would its estimated current value be in collectors markets?
- What in a person's genetic make-up causes an individual to be blond or brunette?
- Could you help me find the full-text for an article that I'm having trouble locating? I have full publication information for the article, but it seems to be in a relatively rare journal.
- Who were some of the first doctor-specialists in Neonatology?
- I would like to find out the history of my own house (built in 1924) including who built it, who its previous owners were, where I might be able to find original blueprints, and anything else I can learn about it.
- Comprehensive sex education or abstinence-only education: Which is more effective at preventing adolescent pregnancy and STD transmission? What studies have been done to compare the two types of sex education?
- Can you please give me information on the process taken to ban children's books in school and public libraries and the differences between the two?
- In the 1800s up to the 1920s, what were some African American businesses/clubs that existed in the Pasadena area?
- What are some of the long-term consequences for individuals diagnosed with polio in childhood?
- Who authored the first American novel?
- I'm interested in making porcelain dolls. Can you help me find a guide on how to do so, preferably with pictures? I'm especially interested in the materials and equipment I will need to get started.
- What are some unique patterns used in the art and design of India? What is the history of those patterns and how do they reflect Indian culture?
- What are recommended study strategies for students struggling with ADHD?
- I'm interested in the fashion of women in ancient Sparta for the purposes of historical reenactment. What resources might help me create a costume that is historically accurate for women at the peak of Sparta's power?
- What significant social or political events occurred during the lifetime of the music composer Camille Saint Saens that may have influenced his musical career? In particular, his composition of "The Carnival of Animals"?
- I'm moving soon to Port Angeles, WA. How could I find apartments that are available and local help with finding a job in the area?
- How often were crimes against African-American people--especially those who were free, not slaves--reported to law enforcement in the years before Emancipation, and how often were the perpetrators prosecuted?