

Almanac Skills - 8th grade

To study the 4 parts of an Almanac, you will do these activities and write down your quick fact(s).

Let's begin with the Contents. It is located on page 3.

- 1. The first question: What is the tallest building in the United States? Remember you have a WORLD Almanac.**
- 2. How tall is that building?**
- 3. Where is it located?**
- 4. How many stories tall is it?**
- 5. When was it built?**
- 6. What was the heading listed on the Contents page that helped you to find the information above?**

- 7. The second question: Who was the new president in 2001?**
- 8. When was he born?**
- 9. How old was he when he was inaugurated?**
- 10. Is he a Democrat or a Republican?**
- 11. What was the heading listed on the Contents page that helped you to find the information above?**

Now let's use the Quick Thumb Index. It is located on the back cover. Use the 9 yellow tabs to locate your topic.

- 12. I'm looking for a famous person. What yellow tab should I use?**
- 13. My mother was born in Anaheim, California. Can you tell me how many hospitals are there, according to this almanac?**
- 14. What yellow tab did you use to help you find the answer to #13?**

Continue to the next set of questions.

Now let's use the Quick Reference Index. Close your almanac. Turn it to the back cover. Then open 1 page. It is located on page 1008.

15. Question: My son would like to know the names of all the planets. List them.

16. What heading and page number did you find on the Quick Reference Index to help you find the answer?

17. Question: When was Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, AR founded? Note: the city will not be listed. It will say State University, AR 72467. It will not say Jonesboro - which is weird.

18. What heading and page number did you find on the Quick Reference Index to help you find your answer?

Now let's use the Sports Quick Reference Index. It is still on page 1008 at the bottom.

19. I'm looking for the names of sports organizations. What page should I go to?

20. What heading did you use on the Sports Quick Reference Index?

21. Turn to the page and define the word directory.

Now let's use the General Index. It is about 29 pages of alphabetical order topics. Turn to page 979.

22. Read the note at the top of the page. What does it mean when the page number is in italics?

23. Question: I'm wondering how many babies were aborted in Missouri in 1996. What topic should you look for?

24. What page number should you go to?

25. How many babies were aborted in Missouri in 1996?

- 26. Still using the General Index. Look for Missouri Schools and Libraries. What are the page numbers listed?**
- 27. What is the average teacher's pay in Missouri?**
- 28. What is the average teacher's pay in Arkansas?**
- 29. Turn the page to 237. What is the high school graduation rate for high school students in the state of Missouri? Be sure and label your answer.**
- 30. Still using the General Index. Look for Government, U.S. The question is - was there a government shutdown during the time this almanac was printed?**
- 31. What year was the shutdown?**
- 32. What page is the information on?**
- 33. Tell me a little about the government shutdown. What, when and why?**
- 34. Still using the General Index, are the Ten Commandments found in an almanac? What heading did you find them listed under?**
- 35. What page number can you find them listed?**