Assessments of Information Literacy

Available Online

http://jonathan.mueller.faculty.noctrl.edu/infolitassessments.htm

Forced-choice Tests (e.g., multiple-choice, true/false)

**TRAILS** (Tools for Real-time Assessment of Information Literacy Skills) -- from Kent State University -- "There are two general assessments (30 items each), as well as two 10-item assessments in each of the five categories (Develop Topic; Identify Potential Sources; Develop, Use, and Revise Search Strategies; Evaluate Sources and Information; Recognize How to Use Information Responsibly, Ethically, and Legally). The assessment pairs are parallel in terms of concepts addressed and may be used as pre- and post-tests." -- Free for use by library media specialists and teachers

**Information Competency Assessment Instrument** -- from California State University, Dominguez Hills -- 27 multiple-choice questions

**Test Your Research Skills** -- from Raritan Valley Community College / Evelyn S. Field Library -- 25 multiple-choice questions

**Information Competence** -- from UCLA Library -- 14 multiple-choice questions, with a very interesting table approach to some questions

**NetTrail Quiz** -- from the University of California Santa Cruz -- 17 multiple-choice questions

**Legal Research on the Internet Quiz** -- from West Virginia University College of Law Library -- 9 multiple-choice questions

**Information Literacy Assessment** -- from Ann Viles, Appalachian State University -- 28 multiple-choice questions

Authentic Assessments (see **Authentic Assessment Toolbox**)

**Information Literacy Assessment** -- from Rappahannock Community College -- a "research log" assignment in which students answer questions about a research assignment just completed -- apparently, meant less as a summative assessment to evaluate students and more as a formative assessment to provide feedback for instruction
Information Literacy Assessment -- from Pasadena City College (adapted from following assessment by Topsy Smalley) -- contains nine constructed-response or short essay questions

Information Literacy Assessment -- from Topsy Smalley at Cabrillo College -- contains nine constructed-response or short essay questions

Information Literacy Competency Exam -- from Minneapolis Community and Technical College -- As a final exam for this course on Information Literacy and Research Skills, students select a research topic and then go through a thorough information literacy process on their own to take between 12-14 hours. A rubric is also included. There is also a mid-term exam and rubric.

CSU Information Competence Questionnaire - Phase I -- from California State University -- section 2 includes a series of scenarios to which students respond

CSU Assessment Tasks - Phase II -- from California State University -- similar to the scenarios in Phase I, brief tasks are presented followed by a set of questions

Assessing Student Learning Outcomes -- from Dana Franks at Highline Community College -- scroll down page to find assessment which is a group activity in which students select a topic, complete a "Great Finds" task, and give a group presentation -- detailed rubrics are included

Alternative Research Assignments -- from Stauffer Library, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario -- a good list of authentic assessment tasks

**Blended Assessments (some combination of forced-choice and constructed-response or performance items)**

Information Literacy Assessment -- from the Network of Illinois Learning Resources in Community Colleges -- "The instrument consists of approximately 40 questions. There is a survey of library use attitudes, drawn (with the author's permission) from Carol Kulthau's book, Seeking Meaning. (See More Information Literacy Resources.) In addition to multiple choice questions, there are several open-ended questions. Several of these constructed-response questions are follow-ups to 'yes/no' questions. We found that these constructed responses, while not scored, provide valuable insight into how students seek, find and use information." You will have to login with the provided ID and password to view the assessment.

Bay Area Community Colleges Information Competency Assessment -- from -- includes 47 multiple-choice, matching, and short-answer items and 12 performance exercises -- see detailed rubrics
Rubrics

Rubrics for the Assessment of Information Literacy -- from Colorado Department of Education, State Library and Adult Education Office, Colorado Educational Media Association (scroll down page to find rubrics)

Research Process Rubric -- from Downers Grove (IL) North High School Library

Rubric for Resource-based Learning -- from Stauffer Library, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario

Tutorials

The Libraries at Washington State University has a long list of information literacy tutorials available on the Web.

Texas Lutheran University also has a long list of tutorials, collected by Mark Dibble.

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