The following exercises are to acquaint you with the type of things you can do with databases found in the Subject Databases Gateway. The instructions that follow each question walk you through some of the databases from history, languages and literature, psychology, and biology used at MTSU. The procedure will be similar on most databases.

1. Find an article on the Deerfield Massacre.
   From the subject databases gateway:
   - Select History under subject guides to periodicals
   - Select America: History and Life
   - In the keyword search box type Deerfield Massacre
   - Click the search button
   - Select Display Full Entry
   - Read the article and answer the following questions.

   Name the journal in which the article was found in. ___________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________
   What was the date of the massacre? _______________________________________
   How many captives returned from Canada? ________________

2. Go back to the Gateway
   - Select Psychology from the under subject guides to periodicals
   - Select Psych Info
   - Type dendrites in the find box, then click the search button
   - Answer the following questions

   How many articles does this database have on dendrites? _______

   Click on several of the articles and read the abstract. From your reading of the abstracts, you should now have some idea of what an abstract is.

   What is an abstract?

   If there is no link to full texts. How can you find the article you need?
3. Go back to the Gateway
   • Select Biology
   • Select Medline
   • Read the description of what Medline provides.
   • Why would this be a better resource than InfoTrac Onefile for finding information about sleep apnea and diabetes?

Click on Medline and type sleep apnea in the find blank. Click on search.

How many entries are there? _______________________

Now type diabetes in the and blank. Click on search.

How many entries are there now? ______________________

Study the section under Refine Search. Name some other ways you could have limited your search.

4. Now return to the Subject Database Gateway
   • Select Literature from the under subject guides to periodicals
   • Select Literature Resource Center
   • Do a title search for The Lottery
   • Click the button for any words entered
   • Then choose to narrow your search by entering the author’s name Shirley Jackson
   • Click the button for any word entered or exactly as entered
   • Click either green search button to continue
   • Read the overview by Jennifer Hicks and answer the following questions

When was the story published? ______________________

In her overview, Hicks references an article by Geoffrey Wolff who suggests certain details allow us to identify with the town's lottery day, and to feel as if we are a part of their community. Name some of these details.
5. Now go to OmniFile.
   - Log on to do an Advanced Search.
   - From Database Selections check Humanities Full text and Library Lit & Inf Full Text.
   - Search for The Lottery.
   - In the “and” blank type Shirley Jackson.
   - Then click start.
   - From the list of articles displayed choose Griffin, A. A. Jackson's The lottery.

This article appears in
Name of Journal__________________________
Volume _____________________________
Date _________________________________
Page_______________________________

What is the purpose of the abstract?

Click on the full text icon.
The last paragraph says that “although civilized people may no longer hold lotteries,” what does Jackson’s story illustrate?

When is it more appropriate to do a subject specific search rather than using InfoTrac OneFile basic search?