Questions & Tasks for Usability Study

Below are the sample activities our students were tasked with completing.

Activity 1
Your English teacher has assigned a research project for your class. You will decide whether you are going to argue for or against greater gun restrictions after you complete some background research.

Starting at the GBS LibGuides Homepage, please complete the following tasks. Remember to narrate aloud what you are thinking and looking for as you complete the steps below.

1) Locate the Test Assignment Guide navigating from the GBS LibGuides Homepage.

2) When you get to the Test Assignment Guide, where would you go to find background information on your topic (gun control)? Please click through and locate a resource you could use. You do not need to locate a specific article.

3) After retrieving the background information you need, where would you go to do more in depth research on the topic using news resources?

Activity 2
Your US History teacher has given you an assignment to research the Great Awakening, and she is requiring you use the GBS Databases or other GBS Electronic Resources, such as eBooks for at least one of your sources.

There is no LibGuide that has been developed for this specific research assignment.

Starting at the GBS LibGuides Homepage, please demonstrate how you would do the following task. Remember to narrate aloud what you are thinking and looking for as you complete the task below.

Locate an article that provides background information on your topic (the Great Awakening)

Activity 3
You are working on a Works Cited page for an English assignment. You are unsure how to cite a particular Magazine article using MLA 8 style. EasyBib isn't helping.

Starting at the GBS LibGuides Homepage, please demonstrate how you would do the following task. Remember to narrate aloud what you are thinking and looking for as you complete the task below.

Locate the LibGuide that you believe will be most helpful for finding out how cite your Magazine article in MLA 8 style.