

# Research Planner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Librarian: \_\_\_\_\_

I. Topic

Try to write your topic as a question, if possible; what question are you trying to answer?

II. Possible keywords and search terms

To identify possible keywords, try breaking your topic up into key concepts; then for each concept, list keywords, synonyms, broader terms, narrower terms, and related terms. Be sure to include variant spellings or terms in other languages too, if appropriate.

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III. Possible search string

Include Boolean operators such as AND, OR, NOT.

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IV. Possible sources of information (tools to use to begin your research)

a. Databases

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b. Print sources:

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c. Websites & other resources:

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V. Other search tips

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