



RESEARCHING A TOPIC WORKSHEET



Step 1. Write down your broad topic idea:

Step 2. List some of the aspects of your topic you might want to investigate. Use either approach below:

Approach #1: List one or more subtopics you wish to explore...

Subtopic: _____

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Approach #2: List possible questions about your topic you might wish your research to focus on:

Who? _____

What? _____

Where? _____

Why? _____

When? _____

How? _____

Step 3. Draft a possible thesis or problem statement:

Step 4. Considering your thesis or problem statement, list the most important concepts in your thesis/problem statement. Consider other synonyms or word variations that may be useful for your research.

IMPORTANT CONCEPTS:		A N D		A N D		A N D	
	OR		OR		OR		OR
SYNONYMS							
BROADER TERMS:		A N D		A N D		A N D	
NARROWER TERMS:							

Step 6. Search a database from the list Electronic Databases and locate a citation to an article on your topic...

Database/Index you searched: _____

Keywords you searched: _____

Article Title: _____

Author(s) if given: _____

Title of Periodical: _____

Volume Number: _____ Issue number (if any): _____ Page Number(s): _____

Year: _____

Other useful subject headings or descriptors that were listed:
