RESEARCH TOPIC

Broad Topic: ___________________________ Narrower Subtopic: ___________________________

Research Question (What do I want to find out?): _______________________________________
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Keywords

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Synonyms

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ADVANCED SEARCHING TECHNIQUES

Boolean operators: connect words and establish relationships between concepts

AND – both/all terms need to be present

limits your search

OR – if any of the terms are present

expands your search

truncation (*) finds all words beginning with letters you have typed

Ex: anxi* = anxious, anxiety

quotation marks (" ") used to group words together as a phrase

Ex: “middle school”

CREATE YOUR SEARCH STRING

Search Quick Search: Articles tab for your topic, then fill in your keywords and synonyms to do an advanced search.

YOU MAY HAVE TO RUN MORE THAN ONE SEARCH
## WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION DO YOU NEED?

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• Limit results by format (academic journals, books, magazines, etc.) |
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Scholarly articles within a specific field of study | **Resources by Subject** | • Limit results (see tips above)  
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