

# RESEARCH PLANNER

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

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

Librarian: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If completed with a 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:**

_____	<i>Search tips:</i> _____
_____	<i>Search tips:</i> _____
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_____	<i>Search tips:</i> _____

**b. Print sources:**

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**c. Web sites & other resources:**

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**V. Other search tips**

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