Research Strategy Worksheet for College Writing: Databases & Journals

Preparation for Searching Journal Articles:

1. What is your research topic?

   a) Use two (or three) of the boxes below to write the main aspects of your topic:

      Aspect #1  Aspect #2  Aspect #3

   b) For each aspect of your topic, write in the columns below words that you might use to search for an article on your topic.

      • While you are searching in the database for articles, look for additional words that may be useful, and add them to the list below.
      • As you continue searching, use the newly found words from the list below to revise your search.

      Aspect #1:  Aspect #2:  Aspect #3: 
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