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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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