

# KEYWORD SEARCH STRATEGY WORKSHEET

Research question: \_\_\_\_\_

Consider possible synonyms, related terms, as well as broader and narrower terms for your keywords. If you can't think of terms, you can use a thesaurus to come up with other terms.

Keyword 1 & Synonyms		Keyword 2 & Synonyms		Keyword 3 & Synonyms		Keyword 4 & Synonyms
OR		OR		OR		OR
OR		OR		OR		OR

## Boolean Operators

A note on the ANDs and ORs:

These are Boolean Operators used to increase precision in your search.

- OR expands the search by telling the computer to retrieve records with **any** of the search terms used.
- AND narrows the search by telling the computer to retrieve records with **all** of the search terms used.
- NOT is also sometimes used to exclude or eliminate a particular term used
- Use parenthesis when combining AND, OR, NOT

○ ( \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_ ) AND ( \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_ )