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

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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 ___________)

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