Database Search Strategy Worksheet

http://www.alverno.edu/media/alvernocollege/library/pdfs/database.pdf

Search Question: Write your research topic as a focused question. Be sure that your question accurately summarizes your topic.

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Major Concepts: Examine your research question, what are the major concepts? The chart below will help you identify some good search terms.

Major Concepts	Synonyms, brand names, generic names, abbreviations or alternate ways of phrasing
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2.	
3.	
4.	

Search Statement: Use terms from the chart to structure a search statement. Try not to make your search statement too specific or too broad. Use the appropriate "Boolean" connector (**AND, OR, NOT**) and consider using subject headings to improve your results.

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Search: List the databases or websites that you plan to search. Visit the Alverno Library's website, http://www.alverno.edu/library/, to access our databases and recommended websites.

Evaluate Your Results: Are you happy with your results? If not, how can you improve them?