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Search Strategy Worksheet

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

Key Concepts: Examine your research question, what are the key concepts? This chart will help you create a “word bank” of potential search terms.

Key Concepts	Synonyms, abbreviations, or alternate ways of phrasing
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Now that you’ve identified the key concepts in your research topic, it’s time to use your word bank and search library resources like TOPCAT, e-books, databases and Google Scholar.