



Exploring Topics and Formulating Keywords

worksheet designed to help generate research topics - a beginning step in the research process

1. Write your research question or hypothesis and underline the topic and/or key words.

2. **Search terms** are words and phrases that you can use to find material on your **topics**. You will need a list of **search terms** whether you are using the Internet, a library catalog, a computerized database, or a printed index. List subject heading and term for you topics.

Subject Heading #1: _____

Related Terms (Synonyms)

_____ or _____ or _____

Subject Heading #2: _____

Related Terms (Synonyms)

_____ or _____ or _____

Subject Heading #3: _____

Related Terms (Synonyms)

_____ or _____ or _____

3. **List** all the resources you can think of (books, videos, periodicals, people, government documents, pamphlets, etc.) which could be used to develop your research question or hypothesis.