In your research, start with the general and work toward the specific. Translate your topic into keywords and subject headings. Record what you found (and where you found it) so that you can refer back to this information as you continue your research. Remember to evaluate the information you collect: Is it scholarly, peer-reviewed or refereed material?

**Topic Statement or Question:**

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**Identify Keywords or Main Concepts (drawn from above):**

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**List Synonyms (words having the same or nearly the same meaning):**

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**Find Background Information:**
List reference sources that you used (encyclopedia, dictionaries, almanacs, etc.):

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**Use the Online Catalog (looking for books in LIBROS):**
First, search with keywords. Connect the Keywords and Synonyms you identified above using Boolean operators AND, OR, NOT; (see handout, Boolean Operators Search Tips).
From your results, select a promising title. Using the individual record, identify Subject Headings:

Subject: ___________________________________  Subject: ___________________________________

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**Use Databases for Journal (magazine) Articles:**

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