Dissect your Research Question

Name:
Class/Section:

Dissecting your research question helps you identify concepts or keywords to use as you search for information. It will also help you identify what you already know, provide you with an opportunity to think about your research question in new ways, and identify gaps in your knowledge.

This should be completed prior to your class visit to the library.

1. Write your initial research question in the space below and circle or underline the keywords or keyword phrases.

2. Write a separate keyword or keyword phrase in each box. Add alternative keywords or keyword phrases (think synonyms) for each of them.

   Keyword/keyword phrase and alternatives

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To be completed during class:

3. List below the subject disciplines professionals who publish articles about your topic are likely to come from. For example: Medicine/health, Business, Social science, Psychology, etc.

   Subject area #1
   Subject area #2
   Subject area #3

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4. List one or more subject databases you can use to search for information about your research question.