

Academic Search Complete Worksheet

KEYWORD SEARCH

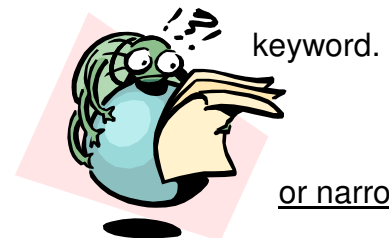
Your research topic is _____

PART 1: Performing a keyword search.

Start with one keyword or keyword phrase: _____

How many articles did you retrieve? _____

If you returned zero, check your spelling or use another



PART 2: Refining your search with Boolean, broaden or narrow.

Based upon your results in part one, you will EITHER broaden your search, not both.

or narrow

BROADEN:

If you had less than 20 articles, broaden your search by adding a synonymous or related term by using the Boolean operator, *OR*.

Terms: _____ OR _____
Keyword or keyword phrase from part one

How many articles now? _____

NARROW:

If you had more than 20 articles, refine by adding another keyword or keyword phrase using the Boolean operator, *AND*.

Terms: _____ AND _____
Keyword or keyword phrase from part one

How many articles now? _____

PART 3: Refining further by adding a subject.

Select a subject heading (found to the left of your search results), once you've clicked the subject it will be added automatically to your search.

What subject heading did you select? _____


Now how many articles did you get? _____

SEARCH STRATEGY BUILDING

PART 4: Performing a new search utilizing various limiters.

Begin a new search using your keyword phrase on your research topic.

What was your keyword phrase? _____

Check the Full Text Limiter Box 

How many articles do you retrieve? _____

With your keyword phrase, click the blue Search Options Link (found to the right of your search results) and add Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals to your search.

How many articles do you retrieve? _____

Keeping your keyword phrase refine your search with a geography limiter (found to the left of your search results).

What region did you select? _____

How many articles do you retrieve? _____

Finally, refine your search using the Date Slide (found to the right of your search results) using years of your choice.

What years did you select? _____

How many articles do you retrieve? _____

PART 5: Examining an article citation.

Within your final results, select an article and examine the citation information.

What is the periodical title? _____

What is the length of this article? _____

What years are available in paper? _____

What years are available online? _____

In ASC, what full-text format is available for this article? _____