

# Research Strategy Worksheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. In one or two sentences describe your research topic.

2. Underline the main concepts in the sentences above and enter them in the boxes below:

Key Concept 1	Key Concept 2	Key Concept 3
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3. Enter synonyms and broader or narrower concepts that are related to the key concept above in the boxes below:

Words Related to Key Concept 1	Words Related to Key Concept 2	Words Related to Key Concept 3
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4. Combining some of the words above do a keyword search in the catalog and identify at least **two Library of Congress Subject Headings** that are relevant to your topic. (e.g. the keyword search: **corporat? and (media or televis?) and "free speech"** finds these possible subject headings: a. Freedom of speech--United States. b. Corporate image--United States. c. Corporations--Corrupt practices--United States. d. Censorship--United States.)

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5. Continue to add other relevant terms you find in the boxes under #3.

6. Begin to find possible sources for your bibliography (see Bibliography form) using the words you have identified in several databases. Use the SOUTHcat catalog for books. Use Gale/InfoTrac's Expanded Academic ASAP and Ebsco's Academic Search Elite for magazine and journal articles. And use LexisNexis for newspaper articles.