STEP 1: RESEARCH FOCUS and KEYWORDS

1. What is your main topic or focus?

2. What are your possible causes and effects for your paper?
   a.
   b.
   c.


4. Apply keyword strategies to identify keywords to search online sources for information on your topic/causes/effects. List all keywords for your main topic and possible causes/effects when known.
   Main Topic
   Cause/Effect
   Cause/Effect
   Cause/Effect

5. What research skill(s) will you work to improve during this research project?

DATABASE SOURCES

A. MAGAZINE, JOURNAL, NEWS DATABASES: Identify 3 databases that you think will provide useful magazine, journal, newspaper articles for your topic/focus. Explain why you chose each one.
   □ 1: __________________________ Why?
   □ 2: __________________________ Why?
   □ 3: __________________________ Why?

B. REFERENCE DATABASES: Identify 3 databases that you think will provide useful reference (background) information on your topic. Explain why you chose each one.
   □ 1: __________________________ Why?
   □ 2: __________________________ Why?
   □ 3: __________________________ Why?

*Check off in the □ for each database source after you have completed searching it.*

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INTERNET SOURCES

TIPS/REMINDERS: Check off in the box as you complete each activity.

☐ I used the Advanced Search page of an Internet search engine (Google, Bing, etc.)

☐ I included at least 3-5 good keywords, put well known phrases in quotes and used limiters to narrow my results.

☐ I completed a pink Web Page Evaluation sheet for each web page BEFORE I took notes.

1. Write the complete keyword search that you used in a search engine to find a useful webpage on your topic/areas of focus.

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2. What limiters in the search engine did you use?

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3. How did the limiters help you find a useful web page?

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LIBRARY CATALOG SOURCES

These sources include:
1. Print nonfiction books
2. Print reference books
3. EBooks – nonfiction
4. Print magazines
5. Vertical Files
6. DVDs or videos

TIPS/REMINDERS: Access Destiny from the Media Center Research or Library Catalog pages. Use the blue Destiny Pathfinder to help you in searching the catalog and creating a Resource List of the library materials on your topic.

1. Don’t forget to login to Destiny – username/password is same as computer login.

2. Sort your results list by CALL # to reorder the list to put the nonfiction (numbered call numbers) at the top of the list and the remaining material types alphabetically by CALL Number, so eBooks, Vertical Files and magazines are at the end of the list.

3. PRINTING: Best way to print your Resource list for this project is option #3 – Click Printable icon at top right of screen. Then click Gear icon, select Print, then select Print again. Make sure you print to correct printer (CYB for Cybrary; LMC for Media Center.)

Identifying library materials in the catalog:

CALL NUMBER:
#s, such as 373.42
REF #, such as REF 927.6
☞ with no call number
MAG
VF
DVD or VT

MATERIAL TYPE:
Nonfiction print books – Nonfiction section by Cybrary
Reference print books – Reference section by Cybrary
eBooks – click on Open link to open eBook from Destiny
Magazines in print – in Library Office
Vertical Files – in green cabinet by Room 322 door
DVDs and videotapes