NAME___________________________________ Teacher/Period ___________ Due_______

8th Grade Language Arts Research Planning

I. RESEARCH QUESTIONS: Identify 3 questions you want to answer to develop support or evidence for points of your argument. Circle important words in your topic and questions.

What is your general topic? 

Questions:
1. 
2. 
3. 

II. KEYWORD PLANNING: For each question above write the words that you circled on the same numbered line below. Use the following Keyword Strategies to identify additional keywords for each question and write them on the appropriate line:

1. Specific, descriptive words - No "little words" like – the, a, an, and, of, in, on, for, to.
2. Synonyms for identified words
3. Quotation marks (""") around well-known phrases,
4. Add a minus sign to words that you DO NOT want in your search results.

Keywords:
1. 

Synonyms for keywords: _______________ Well known phrase? _______________

2. 

Synonyms for keywords: _______________ Well known phrase? _______________

3. 

Synonyms for keywords: _______________ Well known phrase? _______________

*IF FOR AN ISSUE: try adding keywords like: positive impact, positive effect, benefits.

*IF AGAINST AN ISSUE: try adding keywords like: negative impact, negative effect, issues.

*Add keywords like data, statistics, information, facts to narrow down your searches to specific evidence for your argument.
### III. CHART YOUR SEARCHES: Keep track of the resources searched and keywords used so you do not repeat work or miss a potentially useful resource!

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### IV. ANALYZE YOUR SOURCES: Identify below which database article or web page you feel was the most useful for taking purposeful notes. Which research question did this source help answer?

Database article or web page name: _________________________________________________

Research question this source answered: _____________________________________________

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