NAME_____Teacher_____Period _____

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._____

3. Review the **"*Database Keyword Strategies"*** video on the **WAMS Database** Resource Guide page at: **http://libguides.bernardsboe.com/wamsdatabases.**

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? _____
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DATABASE SOURCES

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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.*

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?_____

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:	MATERIAL TYPE:
#s, such as 373.42	Nonfiction print books – Nonfiction section by Cybrary
REF #, such as REF 927.6	Reference print books – Reference section by Cybrary
with no call number	eBooks – click on *Open* link to open eBook from Destiny
MAG	Magazines in print – in Library Office
VF	Vertical Files – in green cabinet by Room 322 door
DVD or VT	DVDs and videotapes

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