

TOPIC ANALYSIS WORKSHEET

Choose a topic about which you want to find information. Write it here:

Part 1: IDENTIFYING YOUR TOPIC

Identify the following for your topic:

1a. **DISCUSS** the topic more completely. (What do you want to know about this topic? What might be different approaches you could take with this topic?) Brainstorm as many ideas as you can.

1b. **Brainstorm** as many synonyms as possible for the important concepts of your topic:

1c. Identify **Narrower** terms, or specific aspects of the topic you are investigating:

1d. Identify **Broader** terms for expanding your topic:

Part 2: SEARCHING ARTICLE DATABASES

2a. Use a relevant database (e.g., **MEDLINE**, **Academic Search Premier**, etc.) to find at least two citations to journal articles related to your topic. You can combine the main concepts of your topic to retrieve the most relevant records in the database by using one or more of the connectors below:

OR (to broaden search, finds more citations): e.g., wellness **OR** health

AND (to narrow search, find fewer citations): e.g., creativity **AND** children

NOT (to narrow search, excludes certain information): e.g. arrest **NOT** cardiac

Write the exact search terms and connector(s) you used to combine the concepts of your topic in the space below.

Database used: *(ex. Education Full Text)* Search statement(s): *(ex. nursing AND careers)*

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2b. Choose at least two records you want to use. Print out the records (citations plus abstracts, or full-text if available) or write down the citation information.

Part 3: USING THE LIBRARIES' CATALOG

3. Now that you have citations to articles on your topic, you'll need to find out whether they are available in the JHU Libraries (if you haven't already located full-text articles online).

In the **JHU Libraries Online Catalog** (at <http://catalog.library.jhu.edu/> - choose **Alphabetical search**), do a "Journal/Newspaper Title" search for the **title of the journal** that contains your article. (NOTE: *The online catalog does not list individual articles in journals*, so doing a search of the article title or the author won't work.)

Write the JHU library location information for your journals below.

	Journal Title	Library Location	Call Number	Years that Library Has
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