Library Research Worksheet

1. Write down your research question. Make sure it isn’t too broad or too narrow for your paper.

2. Write down keywords or phrases you could use to find information on your research topic. Try sketching a concept map to identify key ideas and terms. Convert any popular terms to academic subject terms. Think up possible synonyms and related terms.

3. Write down a combination of keywords or phrases to use for your initial article database search. Conduct a search in a library article database of your choosing to locate scholarly articles relating to your research question. (Hint: Start with one of the databases listed in the Library Guide for Academic Career Success / UWYO1101, Find Scholarly Articles tab.) How successful were your initial keywords? What did you learn about your initial search strategy?

4. If you decided to adjust or revise your initial keywords, write the new keywords or phrases here.

5. Choose one article that seems to answer some of your research questions and that you can read and understand. Record the publication information here:
   a. Author(s):
   b. Title of article:
   c. Source (i.e., journal title):
   d. Year:
   e. Volume and issue:
   f. Page numbers:

   Email the article record to yourself for further use in developing your library research paper.