Library Research Worksheet

1. Write down your research question.

2. Write down keywords or phrases you could use to find information on your research topic. 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 an appropriate library article database, such as Academic Search Premier. Locate scholarly articles relating to your research question. 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 part of your research question and that you can 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 writing assignment.