

NAME _____ Teacher _____ Period _____

RESEARCH FOCUS and KEYWORDS

1. What is your topic? _____
2. What is your thesis statement or *chosen focus* within your topic? _____

3. List some **initial** search keywords for this topic/focus: _____

4. Identify **additional** keywords/keyword combinations discovered **during research**: _____

RESEARCH SOURCES

Check off each source after you have completed searching it.

- A. REFERENCE SOURCES:** Identify **3 online databases/E-books** that you think will provide relevant information on your topic. Explain *why* you chose each one. Also, identify **where** you go to find *print reference* sources.

Print: _____

Online: _____ Why? _____

Online: _____ Why? _____

Online: _____ Why? _____

If one or more of your choices did not give good results, identify below which databases/E-books you ended up searching to find relevant information on your topic.

- B. MAGAZINE AND NEWS ARTICLES:** Identify **3 online databases** that you think will provide good *magazine or newspaper* articles on your topic or focus. Explain why you chose them.

Online: _____ Why? _____

Online: _____ Why? _____

Online: _____ Why? _____

If one or more of your choices did not give good results, identify below which databases you ended up searching to find relevant information on your topic.

DAY 1 – CYBRARY: I accomplished _____

My next step is: _____

DAY 2 – CYBRARY: I accomplished _____

My next step is: _____

DAY 3 – CYBRARY: I accomplished _____
My next step is: _____

C. INTERNET RESOURCES:

- I used **Advanced Search** page of 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. List them here. _____
- I completed a pink **Web Page Evaluation** sheet for each web page **BEFORE** I took notes.

DAY 4 – CYBRARY: I accomplished _____
My next step is: _____

D. PRINT MATERIALS: Fill in the blanks below. You may use the blue *Destiny pathfinder* to help you.

Use the _____, called *Destiny* to locate **print** materials like _____, or _____, or audio/visual materials like _____ or _____ on your topic. Use the keywords identified above to search *Destiny*. Select _____ as your **type** of search to get the *broadest* or most search results. If you need to narrow your results, use the Boolean operators _____, _____, or _____. To use the Boolean operators, you must go to the _____ *Search* page. The Boolean operator _____ will give you *more* results, and the Boolean operators _____ and _____ will give you *fewer* results (narrow your search.) When you find relevant material, click on _____ to add that print or A/V material to your *Destiny* "My List." To print "My List", click on _____ *Lists*, view "My List", click the drop down menu to choose _____ and click Go.

DAY 5 – CYBRARY: I accomplished _____
My next step is: _____

DAY 6 – MEDIA CENTER: I accomplished _____
My next step is: _____

DAY 7 – MEDIA CENTER: I accomplished _____
My next step is: _____

DAY 8 – MEDIA CENTER: I accomplished _____
My next step is: _____

5. Did your thesis/focus change based on information you found? In what way did it change?

