Step 1. Write down your broad topic idea:

Step 2. List some of the aspects of your topic you might want to investigate. Use either approach below:

**Approach #1:** List one or more subtopics you wish to explore...

Subtopic: ________________________________________________________________

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**Approach #2:** List possible questions about your topic you might wish your research to focus on:

Who? _________________________________________________________________

What? _________________________________________________________________

Where? ________________________________________________________________

Why?  _________________________________________________________________

When? _________________________________________________________________

How?  _________________________________________________________________

Step 3. Draft a possible thesis or problem statement:
Step 4. Considering your thesis or problem statement, list the most important concepts in your thesis/problem statement. Consider other synonyms or word variations that may be useful for your research.

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Step 6. Search a database from the list Electronic Databases and locate a citation to an article on your topic...

Database/Index you searched: ____________________________________________________________

Keywords you searched: ______________________________________________________________

Article Title: ________________________________________________________________________

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Author(s) if given: __________________________________________________________________

Title of Periodical: __________________________________________________________________

Volume Number: _________  Issue number (if any): __________  Page Number(s):_____________

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Other useful subject headings or descriptors that were listed:

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