

**Library 101: Your Guide to Library Resources**

**Activity 2: Search Strategy**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your final research question?**

**Fill in the Research Triangle:**

**Q: Encyclopedia and Handbooks (background) - What broad subject areas does your topic involve?**

**A:**

**Q: Library catalog (books) - What is the primary subject of your topic for in-depth information?**

**A:**

**Q: Periodical and News Indexes (articles) - What specific aspects of your topic do you want to highlight?**

**A:**

**Fill in a basic AND / OR grid:**

1. Primary key word concepts from your research topic go across the first row with AND in the middle.
2. Synonyms, broader, narrower, or related terms for those key word concepts go down with OR in the middle.

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|           | <b>AND</b> |           | <b>AND</b> |           |
| <b>OR</b> |            | <b>OR</b> |            | <b>OR</b> |
|           | <b>AND</b> |           | <b>AND</b> |           |
| <b>OR</b> |            | <b>OR</b> |            | <b>OR</b> |
|           | <b>AND</b> |           | <b>AND</b> |           |

**Be sure to explore the hints, tips, or help sections of the search tools you use to see what advanced search techniques might be available! (NOT, " ", ?)**