Search Strategy Worksheet

1. Describe your topic in one sentence:

2. Underline the main concepts (nouns)from the sentence in #1

3. In the section below, write your keywords from your concepts in columns 1-3. Then write synonyms, and broader, narrower, and related terms for each concept.

	Keywords for concept 1:	Keywords for concept 2:	Keywords for concept 3:
Broader Terms:			
Narrower Terms:			
Related Terms:			

4. Look at your keywords from #3 and add truncation where appropriate (an ! or * depending on which database you are using). For example, you could change your search for "management" into manag* or manag! To retrieve management, managerial, manager, etc.

5. Perform your search connecting each of your keywords with OR to get more results. Repeat your search connecting each of your keywords with AND to get fewer results.

6. Record any notes on which databases and/or web sites you used: