



Keyword Searching

These activities offer opportunity to explore the process of determining keywords for database searching. Students will produce a descriptive narrative of a photograph and craft supporting keywords and brainstorm keywords to use with their research topic or question (or a topic provided during instruction).

Activity 1 • Photographs & Keywords

Photograph 1

Describe the photo: 15-20 words

Photograph 2

Describe the photo: 15-20 words

Select four (4) or more keywords.

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Activity 2 • Research Question

Write your research question in the search box below. If there is not enough room, use the space directly below.



Keyword Suggestions

After identifying your question AND identifying five keywords, exchange sheets with your session partner. They will have 1 – 2 minutes to recommend keyword suggestions related to your topic.

My Keywords	Partner Suggested Keywords

Academic Search Complete

Navigate to the library database (Library website > databases > Academic Search Complete). Conduct a search using one of your keywords; conduct a second search using one of your partner's suggested keywords. Select an article, or articles, that support your research question. Provide the article citation.

My Keywords	Article Citation
Partner Keywords	Article Citation

Name: _____

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