Exploring & Identifying Keywords

Keywords are the most important words or concepts in your research topic or question. When selecting keywords, identify the most important 2 to 4 words or concepts from your research question or topic. Develop a list of alternate words with the same or similar meaning. How? Use a thesaurus, dictionary, research starter, article subject terms, Wikipedia, or conduct a google search. Consider what the keywords mean to you as a researcher.

Topic for Search (Circle one)

Dr. Donatini suggested the following research question. Circle the question you will be using for this activity.

"Is College Worth It?"   "What is the point of college?"

Explore Keyword Options

Create a list of possible keywords to use in a database search. Complete the chart below; (1) indicate your selections from the class keyword list activity; (2) identify keywords you would select for the search; and (3) choose keywords from the Generative AI activity (ChatGPT or Perplexity).

Class Keyword List	My Keyword List	ChatGPT or Perplexity

Questions to Consider

How do the keywords generated by each activity compare? Is there an overlap? _____
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Are you satisfied with the citation and reference information provided by AI? _____
Why or why not? _____

Conduct a Search

Choose keyword terms from the list and conduct a search in the Academic Search Complete Database. Identify an article that would support your research. _____

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Name: _____