

# Online Research Worksheet

## AP Seminar

My group's research question:

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My perspective/lens:

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Potential Search Terms:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Share with your team members.

Could any of your search terms be revised or be made more specific? \_\_\_\_\_

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Using Google's regular search engine, try conducting a search using the following Boolean operators:

1. AND    what search terms did you type in: \_\_\_\_\_
2. OR     what search terms did you type in: \_\_\_\_\_
3. NOT    what search terms did you type in: \_\_\_\_\_

Try using an asterisk (\* symbol) in two ways:

1. Truncation (e.g., teen\*)                      my search terms: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Wildcard (e.g., "tallest \* in the world")    my search terms: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do a search of a specific phrase or term with and without quotation marks. Compare results.**

Phrase/term \_\_\_\_\_

Without quotation marks:

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With quotation marks:

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**Which search terms are yielding the best results so far?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Try putting these search terms into Google Scholar ([scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)). Is there a difference in the quality of results?**

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**Now try running these terms through EBSCO (<http://bit.ly/APCapstoneEBSCO>) "Academic Search Complete." How did the quality of your search results change?**

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**Make sure to check out the "Advanced Search" feature in EBSCO. What do you notice?**

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