

RESEARCH PLAN SHEET

Name: _____ Date: _____

Research Topic: _____

Look over your assignment carefully. Consider your topic and the required components. Please complete up through section B 1 BEFORE coming to the library.

A. What initial questions do you need to answer through your research? (Consider what, where, when, why, who, how, etc.)

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B. 1. Based on your research topic and questions, what subject words and / or key words would you use to initially look up your topic in a reference book or reference database? *

2. Indicate any additional key terms you discovered in your initial research that might be helpful in searching for additional information.

***Helpful Hint: Think of synonyms or related words and write them down for alternate possibilities. (eg. teenagers or adolescents or young adults). Also write down the sub-headings or terms that will help you narrow or focus on specific ideas related to your topic. Add terms to your list as you discover them in your research.**

C. The librarian will direct you to useful resources for your assignment in her presentation. Please listen carefully. Using the library's resource pathway handout INDICATE and PRIORITIZE the resources you feel would work best for your topic.