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ENG101

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RESEARCH STRATEGY WORKSHEET

1. Identify Topic: _____

List Keywords:

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What is your **Research Question** for this assignment: _____

2. **Background Information.** Find three library reference resources (i.e. articles in *Credo Reference*, *Gale Virtual Reference*, etc.) related to your topic for background information, not a Google search!

Author	Title of Article	Source
1.		
2.		
3.		

3. **Use MCTC Search.** Find **books, ebooks, journal or newspaper articles**, or **audiovisual** materials in the MCTC Search box to locate support for your research question.

Author	Title of Book/Article and Title of Journal	Place, Publisher, Year

Have you discovered more **keywords**? If so, write them down:

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The more keywords, subjects, or terms you can use, the better your search will be. **Narrow** or **broaden** your search as necessary, i.e. Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is “an anxiety disorder caused by a person’s exposure to life-threatening or otherwise traumatic circumstances,” but may be too narrow to search in some cases. You may want to use “anxiety disorder” and “soldiers” if you are interested in how this affects returning soldiers from the battlefield.

Remember to combine terms with AND, OR, and NOT. Use “ ” (quotation marks) to search for phrases, i.e. “gone with the wind” or “white elephant sale”.

5. Evaluate Websites. If you decide to search the Internet for sources for your focused statement, list the website titles (not URL) and state why you selected these sites. List a few of the reasons.

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Select one of the websites above to use as support for your assignment.

Title of Page	Author	URL

Answer these questions about this website:

A. What is the last update for this web site or page? _____

B. Does the information fit in with what you already know? _____

If so, how? _____

C. Are there links to other reliable websites listed? _____

D. Can you find a bibliography? Do the sources seem scholarly? _____

E. After carefully considering these questions, do you think this information is as credible and useful as the resources (books, journal articles, etc.) available in print or online through the library? Yes or No _____
Why? Please explain _____

6. Plagiarism. What is plagiarism? List 5 ways to plagiarize.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Why is avoiding plagiarism important? _____

7. Cite Sources. Take one of the sources that you have listed on this worksheet and correctly format the citation to use in your **Works Cited** page (for MLA) or **References** (for APA).
