**Developing an Effective Research Strategy**

**Step 1:** Fill in the concept map to help identify a research topic. Depending on your topic, you may want to add more lines and boxes.

**Step 2:** Write a clear research statement or question to narrow your topic focus.

**Step 3:** Identify the key concepts (keywords) from your research statement/question.

 (Keyword 1) (Keyword 2) (Keyword 3)

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**Step 4:** For each keyword, try to list at least two related keywords or synonyms.

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**Step 5:** Fill out the Boolean Chart to create your search strategy.

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| Keyword 1 | **OR** | Synonym of Keyword 1 | **OR** | Synonym of Keyword 1 |
| **AND** |  |  |  |  |
| Keyword 2 | **OR** | Synonym of Keyword 2 | **OR** | Synonym of Keyword 2 |
| **AND** |  |  |  |  |
| Keyword 3 | **OR** | Synonym of Keyword 3 | **OR** | Synonym of Keyword 3 |