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## WEB RESEARCH

Directions: You will conduct a search using the tools and methods learned in this objective. Your teacher may select a topic for you or allow you to choose your own.

<p><b>Step 1.</b> Select a topic and write it in the space provided.</p>	
<p><b>Step 2.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take 3 minutes and write as many words as you can think of about this topic. Write the words in the space provided. (This step should help you get from a general topic to a more specific topic.)</li> <li>• Think keywords.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Step 3.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What organizations, government agencies, clubs, associations might have information on your topic?</li> <li>• List your ideas in the space provided to the right.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Step 4.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use three tools and three methods.</li> <li>• Describe each.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Step 5.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did you see unrelated results that you would like to exclude?</li> <li>• In Google use the – (minus sign) immediately before a keyword in order to exclude words or phrases.</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the space provided, write the combinations that helped you exclude results unrelated to your topic.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Step 6.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there phrases or quotes that can help narrow your search results?</li> <li>Enclose phrases or quotes in quotation marks to narrow your search.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Step 7.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Search for synonyms.</li> <li>Place the ~ (tilde) immediately before your keyword and Google will search for your keyword and its synonyms.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Step 8.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Google uses stemming technology (also known as truncation).</li> <li>This means that Google searches when appropriate not only for your search terms, but also for words that are similar to some or all of those terms.</li> </ul>	<p>Any variants of your terms that were searched for will be highlighted in the snippet of text accompanying each result.</p>
<p><b>Step 9.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What worked best?</li> <li>In the space provided below, write the combinations of keywords and search strategies that provided the most accurate results for your topic search.</li> </ul>	
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