



Research Keyword Activity

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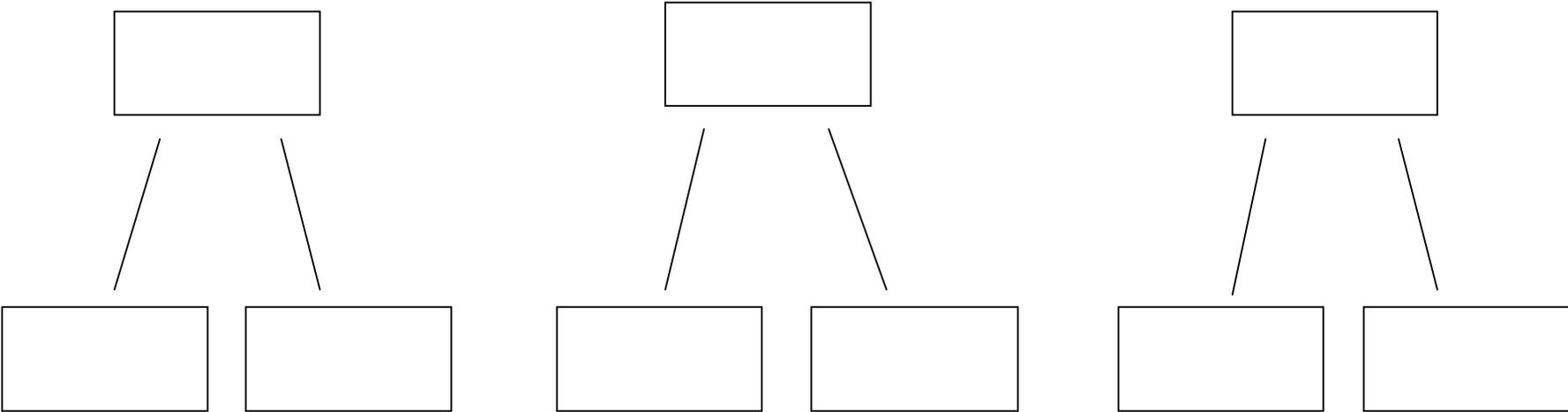
Goals: Student will be able to 1) use keywords to conduct a basic search in order to retrieve relevant search results. 2) evaluate search results in order to find one article that provides a topic overview in reference to their research topic.

Objectives: Students will be able to 1) identify keywords for a topic, 2) combine keywords to construct search statements, 3) evaluate the best keyword combination, 4) refine search using limiters, and 5) select an appropriate article on the topic.

Info Lit Framework: Research as Inquiry; Searching as Strategic Exploration

- 1) Write a sentence that describes your topic.

- 2) Write the main words or phrases from #1 in the top three boxes; then, write at least two synonyms for each of those concepts in the connected boxes. (Objective 1)



(Turn Over)

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- 2) Use one combination of keywords from the boxes in #2 to do a search in “Find It @ ICC Library.” What search terms did you use? Refine your results using the choices on the left side of the results page. What options did you choose? (Objective 2 & 4)

- 4) Open a new tab in your browser. Use a different combination of keywords from the boxes in #2 to do a search in “Find It @ ICC Library.” What search terms did you use? Refine your results using the choices on the left side of the results page. What options did you choose? (Objective 2 & 4)

- 5) Compare your search results from #3 and #4. Which search provided the best articles on your topic? Why do you think this search was more successful? (Objective 3)

- 6) Write down the following information for at least one of the articles from your search: (Objective 5)

Authors:
Title of Article:
Journal Name:
Publication Date:
Volume and Issue #:
Name of Database:

- 7) Why would the above be a good source for your paper? (Objective 5)