Research Keyword Activity
ALLI @ ICC Library

**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)
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)