

Boolean Search Strategy Chart

STEPS	Search Strategy					
Write a clear topic statement or research question(s).						
Select the significant words, concepts, topics (keywords or “search phrases” from your statement/question.	Keyword A					
	Keyword B					
	Keyword C					
Select a synonym for each keyword. Example: Keyword A = “World War I” Keyword A Synonym = “The Great War”	Keyword A Synonyms					
	Keyword B Synonyms					
	Keyword C Synonyms					
Search Strategy 1 Formulate a search strategy using Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) to connect your keywords. Combine synonyms with OR . Combine different ideas/concepts with AND .	Keyword A Synonyms		OR		OR	
	AND					
	Keyword B Synonyms		OR		OR	
	AND					
Search Strategy 2 Formulate a search strategy using Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) to connect your keywords. Combine synonyms with OR . Combine different ideas/concepts with AND .	Keyword C Synonyms		OR		OR	
	AND					
	Keyword A Synonyms		OR		OR	
	AND					
Search Strategy 2 Formulate a search strategy using Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) to connect your keywords. Combine synonyms with OR . Combine different ideas/concepts with AND .	Keyword B Synonyms		OR		OR	
	AND					
	Keyword C Synonyms		OR		OR	
	AND					

