Finding Articles in the Leeward CC Library Databases

1. Your Topic:______________________________________________________

Turn your topic into a research question. What do you know about the topic? What do you want to know about the topic? Once you have a research question, choose your **keywords**. Keywords are the main ideas or concepts in your research question.

Example: Research question: How does marriage affect happiness?
Keywords: “marriage” and “happiness”
Other terms: “relationship” “matrimony” “monogamy” “union” and “well-being” “joy” “glee” “satisfaction”

2. List two important keywords or phrases related to your topic. Include synonyms (similar words), broader terms, or narrower terms.
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3. Search the different databases using keywords or phrases that you listed.

4. Look through the article. Is it really good? **Evaluate the source** using the CRAAP Test.

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5. Citation

Cite your source using the appropriate citation style:

6. Summary

2-3 sentences that explain the main points of the article: