

Conceptualizing a Research Topic

In order to find information on a topic, you must translate your topic, thesis, or question into **keywords** that you can then use when searching the library's catalog, journal article databases, or a search engine on the World Wide Web.

Ex: *Do learning styles make a difference in how girls learn math?*

<u>Concept 1</u> (keywords)	AND	<u>Concept 2</u>	AND	<u>Concept 3</u>
_____		_____		_____
_____		_____		_____
_____		_____		_____

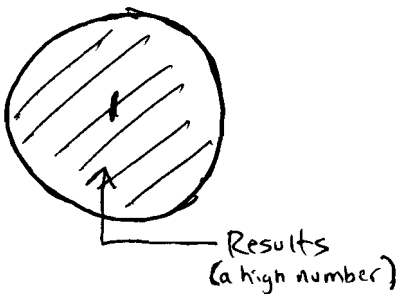
Ex: *How does participating in the arts affect how well a student does in school?*

<u>Concept 1</u> (keywords)	AND	<u>Concept 2</u>	AND	<u>Concept 3</u>
_____		_____		_____
_____		_____		_____
_____		_____		_____

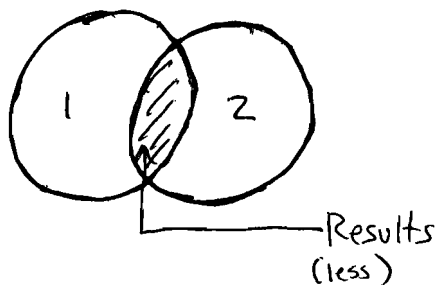
Now, try your own topic.

Your Topic: _____

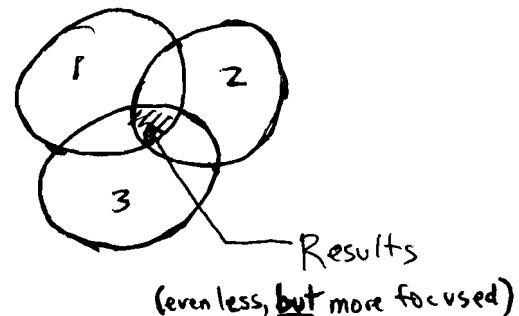
<u>Concept 1</u> (keywords)	AND	<u>Concept 2</u>	AND	<u>Concept 3</u>
_____		_____		_____
_____		_____		_____
_____		_____		_____



Concept 1



Concept 1 *and* Concept 2



Concept 1 *and* Concept 2 *and* Concept 3