INFORMATION SEARCH WORKSHEET

1 YOUR RESEARCH TOPIC

What are the key words or phrases in your research topic? Write the words in section 2.

Write Your Topic Here:

Then circle the important words and cross out the other words

Example: Does violence in the media contribute to juvenile delinquency?

Circle important words or phrases that best describes your topic

Avoid using vague or non-descriptive words like the, it, in, used, at.

Place the circled words in the box in section 2.

2 TRANSFORMING KEYWORDS INTO A SEARCH STATEMENT

Connect your keywords or phrases with AND

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<th>Example using AND</th>
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3 TEST YOUR SEARCH STATEMENT

Test your search in the Pitt Digital Library at: www.library.pitt.edu

At the Search PITTCat+ box, type your search terms. AND is automatically assumed.

Citations to books, and other items, including some journal articles will be displayed.

4 RECORD RESULTS OF YOUR SEARCH

Books ________________ Journal Articles ________________ Other ________________