1. Write a specific question to want to answer, or write your hypothesis:

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2. Circle each of the important concepts in the question or hypothesis above.

3. Below, write synonyms or related words for each concept separated by the word “or”

   If you are having trouble thinking of synonyms, do some background research.

   **Example:** *Is the cost of trying to contain invasive species on boats worth it?*

   Concept 1: “invasive species” or “non-native species”
   Concept 2: boat or ballast or shipping
   Concept 3: economics or cost

4. Now fill in the boxes below with your own terms. Place the word “or” between each of your synonyms

   [Database Worksheet]

5. Run your search in 2 databases and compare results.

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