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Unit 3 Assignment: Selecting and Developing a Topic

1. Select an actual research topic required for another class if possible. Topics not for another class must be approved by your ESF 200 instructor. What topic do you plan to research?

2. What course is this research topic for?

3. How does this topic match the criteria for evaluating potential topics discussed in class?

4. List some keywords/search terms that you think might help you find information on this topic.

5. Which databases might be most useful for this topic? Why?

6. Based upon what you know about your topic write a brief paragraph that defines and describes it. This paragraph, which may be refined as you search, will be helpful in guiding your search.

Note - You will revise this paragraph and submit it as an introduction to your final project (i.e., with your 'final' assignment and bibliography).