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Planning Phase > Step 1C: Investigate your topic

Research Planning Worksheet

Your Topic: _____

Brainstorm. Think about what you need to know about your topic to design and implement a science fair project. List what you need to know. This may change and expand as you do your research. This list will help you begin.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Resources. Think about where you may find this information. Consider the resources you used to determine your topic. Consider web sites, books, magazines, and journals. List five resources to use to begin your research.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Keywords. Think about the keywords or key terms that you will use when searching the web, databases, or library catalogs for information about your topic and the specific information that you need. List as many keyword as you can think of to begin your search. You may think of more keywords as your research progresses.

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This worksheet goes with Step 1C of the Science Fair Wizard:

http://ecuip.lib.uchicago.edu/sciencefair/html/wizard/01_planning_01c_investigate-your-topic.html