FINDING YOUR SEARCH TERMS (KEY WORDS)

My research **TOPIC** is: ________________________________

General **SUBTOPICS** for this topic might be:

**General subtopic examples:**
PERSON: Early life, education, accomplishments, later life
PLACE or ERA: History, leaders, economy, culture, “movements”
THING, IDEA or EVENT: Who, What, Where, When, Why, How

Once you have done some reading on your topic, add **specific subtopics** to your web.
RESEARCH QUESTIONS

I am interested in finding out about my research subject:

1. Who ________________________________?
2. What ________________________________?
3. Where ________________________________?
4. Why ________________________________?
5. When ________________________________?
6. How ________________________________?

Circle any important words (key words) in your research questions that may be useful in a search of library resources.

Find at least 3 synonyms for one of your subtopics:

Check your Dewey Decimal handout – in what general area of the nonfiction collection will you find your topic (500s? 700s?) ______

Find a book! Use the online library catalog to search for a book. Write down the Dewey Decimal number, author & title, then locate the book:

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TIP: Look at the books on the shelf near the one you found.