Create a Concept Map for Your Topic

The concept map will help you brainstorm your topic and identify what concepts or keywords to use as you search information. It also helps you identify what you already know about your topic, provides you with an opportunity to think about your topic in new ways, and identify gaps in your knowledge. Ultimately, it will make your information search more effective and more efficient! To complete your concept map, follow the steps below.

1. Write your topic in the box below and circle the keywords or keyword phrases.

**TOPIC:**

2. Write your main keyword in the box to the right and other keyword in the boxes below (you should always use at least two).

   **Keyword and alternative keywords**
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   **Main keyword**
   - and alternative keywords
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   **Keyword and alternative keywords**
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3. List below the subject disciplines professionals who publish articles about your topic are likely to come from. For example, medicine/health, business, education, psychology, etc. Identifying potential subject areas will help you decide where to search for information.

   **Subject Area #1**
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   **Subject Area #2**
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   **Subject Area #3**
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   **Subject Area #4**
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4. Find one book or article that will be relevant for your topic. Using an online citation guide, practice writing a citation below.