LITERATURE SEARCHING IN A DATABASE

TOPIC:

1) What are the main **concepts** within your topic? Write these concepts in the **bubbles** provided.

2) Brainstorm **keywords and synonyms** for each of your identified concepts. Write them in the **boxes** provided.

3) What would your search look like in a typical database?
CITATION CHAINING:

...is a great way to (a) find more relevant research and (b) see how the scholarly conversation has evolved. Using a work that you found, try the following:

1) Backward citation chaining (look backwards at the research the work has cited)

Scan the bibliography of the article. Do any of the cited works look interesting? If so, search for the articles by title in Novanet or Google Scholar.

2) Forward citation chaining (look ahead to see whether any scholars have cited your article)

Some databases will give you this information (e.g. Arts & Humanities Citation Index). You can also search for your article by title in Google Scholar and click the “Cited by” link below the record for a list of citing articles. Please note: this approach does not work well with very recent articles!

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