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## **Introduction to Databases Worksheet**

Research Questions and Statements:

1. How do advertisers market their products to women?
2. What factors contribute to an increased risk of asthma among children?
3. What are the business and residential economic impacts of so-called big box stores such as Wal-Mart and Home Depot on small, rural communities?
4. The rise in childhood obesity can be directly linked to vending machines in schools.
5. What economic affects do smoking bans have on public places?
6. How does the author George Orwell use themes of totalitarianism and propaganda in his literature?
7. Children who live in poorly performing public school districts should have the option to use school vouchers to attend better performing private or religious schools.

**Directions:** Using the research statement assigned to your group, answer the following questions.

1. What keywords would you use to conduct your search? What different keywords combinations and synonyms might you use?
2. Conduct an advanced search in Academic Search Complete using your keywords. How many results did you get?
3. Narrow your initial search results two different ways, however you would like. Make a note of how you narrowed your search and why you chose that option.

4. How many results did you get after narrowing your search?
  
5. Select an article record and write down the complete citation.
  
6. Access the article record. What subject terms from this article might you use to search by?
  
7. Is this article available in full text? What format(s)?
  
8. Select an article not available in full text in Academic Search Complete. Is it available through SFX?

If so, in what database were you able to locate the full text article?

If not, what is the next step in the process you would use to locate the article? Be specific about the steps used. Go through the entire process of locating the full text article. What is your end result?

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