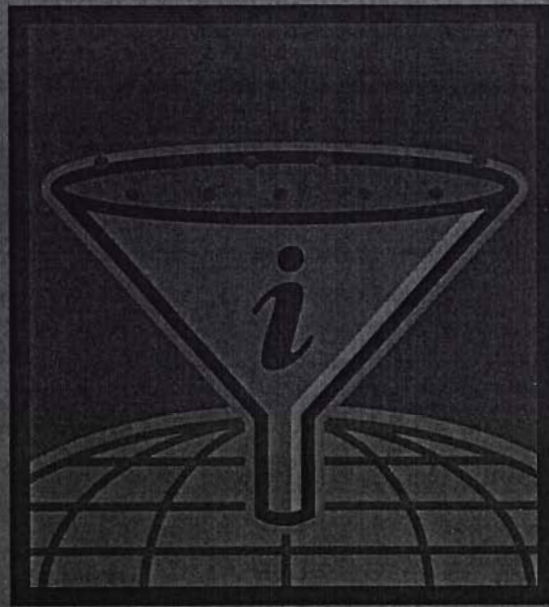


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# Chapter 2

## Preparation and Strategies for Research



(Please see the example below). You can also truncate a word to search its variant word endings. For instance, child\* will search child, children, childhood, and childless (See the example below).

Example:

Violence and (TV or television) and (child\* or kid\*)

### **Assignment 2.4.2**

Supposedly, you are to conduct a Basic keyword search in a professional online database. With your keywords and their synonyms developed in Assignment 2.4.1, develop your Boolean search thread. Please use any appropriate Boolean operators to thread your keywords and their synonyms together. Use parentheses ( ) when needed.

## Final Research Project

Now, you have the chance of applying your research and information competency skills to practice! Write a 3-5 page research paper on a topic you have previously selected at the beginning of the semester. If you would like to change to a different topic, please seek for permission from your instructor.



Please utilize the research tools you have learned from this course to conduct a thorough research of information. Among the sources listed in your Works Cited or References, you should have at least a journal article from an appropriate subscription online database and a book from an e-book collection or Gale Virtual Reference Library.

Your sources should include the following:

- Reference sources from print collection or subscription online databases
- Books in print or electronic format
- Journal or magazine or newspaper articles from subscription databases
- Research data from statistical sources and/or audiovisual resources if available

Your paper should include a Works Cited or References page, which is listed on a separate page at the end of your paper. You may use any of the three major writing styles discussed in this book.

Your paper needs to be typed in MS Word or WordPad and turned in before the deadline specified in the Course Information Sheet.

Good luck!

