Intro to Animation

Formulating Your Research Topic and Search Strategy

PART A (10 min.)

1. What is a topic that interests you?
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2. Explore your topic ideas with one or two of your classmates, instructor or/and a librarian. Think/talk about the following questions to help you:
   a. What do I need to know about my topic?
   
   b. What geographical area or location do I want to focus on?
   
   c. What person or group are affiliated with this topic?
   
   d. On which time period do I want to focus?
   
   e. Any other questions that you think are relevant?

3. What are some related subtopics you could pursue along with this topic?
PART B (10 min.)

4. What is your preliminary research question?

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5. Which words from your research question could be your keywords (words you would use to search in a database, library catalog, or search engine)?

Circle these keyword concepts in your research question above.

6. Take a couple of minutes to discuss with a classmate possible synonyms or terms related to your keywords that you could also use as search terms for your research topic. List them below:

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7. Write preliminary keyword search statements based on your research question:

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