**Searching is Strategic Exploration - Activity**

**Begin searching for a relevant topic that you’re interested in (you may end up leaving class with many of your sources for your paper!). While you’re searching, ask yourself these questions and think metacognitively about the strategy you are using.**

**Please choose AT LEAST FOUR questions (you may answer more) to answer on the back of this sheet or on another piece of paper. Be sure to read the questions carefully. Please note that the last question is REQUIRED.**

1. What insights am I having as I search and explore?
2. What search features am I using and/or finding most helpful?
3. What am I learning along the way about my topic that could inform or alter my search?
4. What keywords seem to work best? Why? What strategies am I using to identify alternative keywords?
5. How am I adapting my search strategy according to the resource (catalog, Google Scholar, etc.)?
6. Am I able to tell what’s credible and what’s not so credible? If not, why not?
7. What strategies am I using to keep track of the potentially useful sources I find?
8. In what specific ways am I thinking about using each source in my paper? Give an example.
9. What is most difficult for me about searching? Most confusing? What can I change now, going forward, to adjust to these?
10. In general, what strategies am I trying / using as I search and explore? Are they working well? What strategies did I start to use only to find out they didn’t work? How did I then modify my approach?
11. What questions for follow-up do I have?
12. **REQUIRED question**: What have I learned as I strategized / searched? What advice or strategy suggestions would I give my classmates as they search?