As you begin to research your topic, keeping a research journal will help you to track your progress and serve as a record of your search history. This is very useful in understanding the journey you’ll take as you **plan, search, read** and **extract** information to use in your paper. Remember, research is an iterative process, and you’ll follow the steps many times to get to the best information sources.

List the keywords you used to find information on your topic:  (**first iteration** – plan, search, read, extract)

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List the keywords you used to find information on your topic:  (**second iteration** – e.g. after you completed one cycle of plan, search, read, extract) What new keywords did you discover and try out?

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List keywords you used during a **third iteration** (3 times around!)  What did you discover worked well?

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Which keyword(s) did you find was **the most helpful** in locating relevant sources to answer your research question, “Are we causing global warming?”

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For each subject-heading you used to locate information, which article did you find which was relevant or pertinent to your topic? (1st iteration – plan, search, read, extract)

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