## **Keyword Searching with Boolean Operators**

A very important aspect of crafting an effective search strategy is your choice of terms. Use this worksheet to brainstorm on main terms, synonyms, and related words.

Vrite down your research q	uestion nere:		
ext, for each key concept i Be sure to try to think of sy	-	ore terms that may be useful in a	search:
Key concept #1)	or	or	
and			
Key concept #2)	or	or	
and			
Key concept #3)	or	or	



Sample Research Question:

What is the significance of the US governmental response to global warming?

government\*

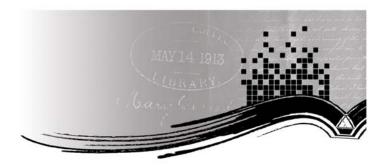
global warming

US or united states

(You may have more or less than 3 main concepts. Use "and" between concepts. . Use "or" between synonyms/related words.)

Note: When you notice a family of words developing within a concept row, you may truncate to the common root word to allow for ease of searching. For example: government or governmental → government\*

Turn over this sheet to see an example of how a search can be entered within a database (in this case, Academic Search Complete.)



## **Example Search in Academic Search Complete:**

You may select more than one EBSCO database here and search them simultaneously.

