**Research Log & Concept Map Keyword Builder**

Complete this *Research Log & Concept Map Keyword Builder* worksheet prior to arriving at the ENG 204 library session.

**Bring this with you to class.**

For help, please refer to AUS Library’s online *Learning Modules* [**http://library.aus.edu/LearningModules/index.htm**](http://library.aus.edu/LearningModules/index.htm)

**Name:**

**ENG 204 Instructor’s Name:**

Define Task:

1. Select a broad topic for investigation and enter it in the box below

(Ex. *Texting)*

1. Write it down a more focused aspect of your topic.

*(Ex. Texting as a form of communication in education)*

1. What do you already know about this topic?

*(Ex. Texting is a major form of personal communication between students. It includes many abbreviations which are quick and easy to use. A new language is developing as a result. There is debate as to whether students should be able to include text-speak in their research papers.)*

* *Need to find academic journal articles discussing literacy and mobile phone technology within the context of education or linguistics.*
* *Need studies written by educators promoting the use of mobile phones in the classroom.*
* *Need to find a good overview of how the English Language has changed (for the better) over time*

*With the advent of mobile phones and texting, the way students communicate has changed. Students have taken to this technology quickly and are now sharing their ideas and expressing their opinions more than ever.*

*Texting does not hinder literacy and should be embraced by teachers as a new form of creative expression - acceptable in formal papers.*

5. Write your research question or thesis statement in the box below.

Identify Options:

6. Analyze your topic. What information do you need to support your thesis (argument)?

1. *The influence of texting on students’ ability to write formal English*
2. *How the English Language has changed over time*

4. What aspects of your topic do you need to know more about? Write down two statements about what you hope to research.

## Keyword Builder

A concept map is a brainstorming technique that will help you visualize or map out ideas for a topic. If your topic is too narrow or too general, using a concept map will help you explore your topic further.

While thinking about everything you know about your topic, use the large middle square to write down your main topic, and then write down as many words, associated ideas, or aspects of your topic you can think of in the related squares. Note: you will want to keep certain ideas or subtopics in clusters.

If you need more information about developing or using a concept map, please see the library’s learning module at <http://aus.libguides.com/c.php?g=299678&p=2001035>.

**Directions: Use the concept map to build a list of keywords for searching.**

Topic statement or question: