

Database Worksheet

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

What does this database do? _____

Is it full text? Yes No

What dates are covered? _____

Which types of resources are included?

magazines newspapers reference books
 radio and television transcripts government documents
 other primary sources
other _____

What search options are offered?

Topic/Subject Keyword fields other _____

Is there an advanced search screen? Yes No

On the advanced search screen, are any search fields you would find useful?

If both are available, compare a *topic/subject* search with a *keyword* search and comment on the benefits and drawbacks of each. Try a sample search with a question you are currently researching. Which is the best strategy for your particular search problem?

Examine an entry. Are abstracts included? Yes No

Is a subject field or are descriptors included? Yes No

Why might subject fields be useful to you? _____

Can you e-mail articles to yourself? Yes No

Is bibliographic formatting provided? Yes No

How does this database compare with the other databases you've used? _____

Does this database have any special features? _____

What are the best features of this database? _____

How does this database compare with your favorite *free* Web search tool? _____
