


# **SA 231 Sociology of Families**

## **Library Workshop**



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# Overview

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# **Who might publish**

- Scholars
- Government
- Associations
- News Media
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- Others



# Brainstorming

- Create “concept maps”
- Identify key terms that describe research concepts
- Identify synonyms & related words for each key concept
- Combine different concepts



# **Research Topic**

**Educational attainment of children from single-parent families**

Brainstorm

- Ask questions about your topic
- Identify key concepts
- Write down some alternate terms for each concept



## **Questions about topic, educational attainment of children from single-parent families**

- What indicators for educ attainment - completion of high school, college, university, community college?
- Correlation between educ attainment and success?
- Relationship between family income and educ attainment?
- Difference in success between male lone parent or female lone parent families?
- Any correlation between parent's educ level and child's?
- Any differences in attainment due to race or ethnicity?
- Other questions?

# **Find Synonyms & related terms**

## **Educational attainment**

Educational achievement, education, post-secondary, university, schooling, college education, drop-out(s)

## **Children**

Boys, girls, adolescents, young adults, youth

## **Single-parent families**

lone parent(s), lone mother(s), lone father(s), single mother(s), single father(s)

## **Geographic**

Canada, North America, **national**, **international**, groups of countries, a single country?

# Truncation & Phrase searching

Use asterisk (\*) to search for variations of a word

**child\*** will find:

child, child**ren**, child**like**, child**ish**, child**less**

Same results as: (child **OR** children **OR** childlike **OR** childish **OR** childless)

Use quotation marks “ \_ \_ \_ ” to search for phrases

“single-parent families”, “women of color”



## **Combine concepts**

**(“single parent\*” OR “lone parent\*” OR “single mother\*” OR  
“single father\*” OR “single dad\*” OR “single mom\*”)**

**AND**

**(child\* OR boy\* OR girl\* OR youth OR adolesc\*)**

**AND**

**(“educational achieve\*” OR universit\* OR college\* OR  
“post-secondary” OR dropout\*)**

**AND**

**Canad\* OR BC OR British Columbia OR Ontario**

# Databases for Journal Articles

## Databases for Sociology

- ProQuest Sociology Collection (includes Sociological Abstracts by American Sociological Association)
  - Social Sciences Full Text

## Anthropology Databases

- Anthropology Plus

For this topic, a database for Education may also be useful

- Education Source

# **For Catalogue Search**

Use capitals: “**OR**”, “**AND**” for Boolean logic to work

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**AND**

(child\* **OR** boy\* **OR** girl\* **OR** youth **OR** adolesc\*)

**AND**

(“educational achieve\*” **OR** universit\* **OR** college\* **OR** “post-secondary” **OR** dropout\*)

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# Inter-Library Loans (ILL)

Request books, book chapters, journal articles, etc. from other libraries

- [Inter-Library Loans guide](#)
- [In Catalogue Search](#), sign-in & use the [“Citation finder / ILL”](#) tab

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# Questions?

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