

Collaborative Keywords

Learning goal

This activity helps students practice creating keywords related to a specific topic, both their own and someone else's. Students will also reflect on the keyword development process, working with their classmates, and where they are in their research.

Time

This activity should take around 15 minutes, but you could also spend a longer time depending on the class.

Materials

- Activity sheet (found on the next page) or an equivalent
- In an online class, students can discuss each other's topics and keywords in synchronous Zoom breakout rooms or asynchronous discussion boards or documents
- Students will need initial research topics or research questions

Instructions

1. Divide students into groups and pass out the activity sheets.
2. Give students a couple of minutes to write down their research topics and three related areas they might explore. For example, their general topic could be college football, and they might want to explore injuries, economic impact, and media.
3. Next, give students a couple of minutes to come up with synonyms, related terms, or questions for their own topic.
4. After students have spent time with their own topics, they will add to their peers' ideas.
 - Tell students to physically pass their papers to the next person. Give them a couple of minutes to add synonyms, related terms, or questions for the topic in front of them.
 - Repeat this two more times. Students should have three of their peers look at their papers and vice versa.
5. Reflection questions:
 - How do we feel?
 - How might your classmates' keyword suggestions be useful as you continue with your research?
 - How can you use these terms you've just created for your assignment?
 - What gaps do you still see that you want to fill?
 - What other questions do you have?

COLLABORATIVE KEYWORDS

Write a topic for your research paper and three things to explore.

Example topic: college football; Example exploration: injuries, economic impact, media

List synonyms, related terms, and/or questions for YOUR topic:

Round 1

List synonyms, related terms, and/or questions for THIS topic.

Round 2

List synonyms, related terms, and/or questions for THIS topic.

Round 3

List synonyms, related terms, and/or questions for THIS topic.