**Student Name**:

## Part 1: Getting started with research

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

Next, highlight or change the text color of the most important words or phrases in your question. Each should be only 1-2 words long. These are your keywords. Focus on the most unique words, and ignore common words like the, on, effect, what, who, etc. Try to identify at least 2-3 keywords for your question. Refer to the example in the online text if you need assistance.

Now, type each keyword into a separate box. Refer to the example in the online text if you need assistance.

Finally, list alternative words or phrases for each keyword underneath it in the corresponding box. Think about direct synonyms (i.e., physical activity for exercise) and words that may make your search broader (i.e., psychology for mental health) or narrower (i.e., undergraduates for college students). Refer to the example in the online text if you need assistance.

## Part II: Evaluating information

Using your chosen infographic, answer the following questions:

Which infographic are you examining?

Who is the creator/author?

What is the purpose?

Who is the intended audience?

What (if any) financial interests are at play?

What sources are cited? Can you access them?

Choose one claim the infographic makes. Can you confirm or contest this claim in another, unrelated source?

Finally, consider the design of the infographic.

How do the images/graphics/symbols, colors, and other design choices contribute to the content and intent of the infographic?

## Part III: Finding sources

Using the keywords you identified in Part I, and following the examples from the online text and video, write some possible combinations of search terms to get you started below.

Access the Library Search System, or BOSS, from the library’s homepage: <https://library.okstate.edu/> Using the big orange box in the center of the page, start searching using the combination you identified earlier. As you search, answer the following questions:

Which search terms seem to work best?

Look at the filters on the left side of your results page. Which ones looks like they will be useful for your search?

Examine the “Subject Terms” list on the left side (click “show more” to see a full list). What are some of the suggested terms that you could use as you continue to look for sources?

Find at least one good, relevant source and record the citation here: