FORMING A RESEARCH STATEMENT

TOPIC

Break topic into several major concepts

CONCEPT

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Find synonyms and combine concepts to form a search statement

SEARCH STATEMENT

Look in subject thesaurus to find subject headings or descriptors in place of keywords
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TOPIC:
Does a teenager's level of self-esteem affect the amount of alcohol they consume?

CONCEPT:
- teenager

CONCEPT:
- self-esteem

CONCEPT:
- alcohol consumption

SEARCH STATEMENT:
(teenager OR adolescent OR juvenile OR young adult) AND (self-esteem OR self-confidence OR self-respect) AND (alcohol consumption OR drinking OR alcohol use)

PsycINFO subject headings:
- teenager = adolescents
- self-esteem = self esteem
- alcohol consumption = alcohol drinking patterns

MEDLINE subject headings (MeSH):
- teenager = adolescence
- self-esteem = self concept
- alcohol consumption = alcohol drinking

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### Subject Headings Comparison

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