CHEM 2040L
Pre-Literature Search Worksheet
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Writing tip 1: Choose a topic you understand.
Activity 1: Discuss with your instructor. Record the Organic Chemistry topic(s) that you're interested in below.

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Writing tip 2: Read appropriate sections of your textbook (tertiary literature) or another source (a secondary source, like a review article) to get background information on your topic before looking at the primary literature.
Activity 2: Write the name of the background source(s) you used below and briefly summarize how you used it.
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Writing tip 3: Start with a general topic, narrowing your focus according to the literature you find.
Activity 3: My general topic is: __________________________________________________________
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The topic could be narrowed/focused in the following ways: __________________
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**Writing Tip 4:** The scholarly article you find should contain several of the following sections: title, abstract, introduction, experimental, results, discussion, acknowledgements, and references.

**Activity 4.1:** Set-up a SciFinder account here. After setting up your account, login here. Use keywords from activity 3 to search SciFinder. List an article below that looks promising.

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**Activity 4.2:** Search American Chemical Society Journals database using the same keywords. List an article below that looks promising.

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**Writing Tip 5:** Review the supplementary materials in your Blackboard course, including Introduction to Scientific Article (document) and the Myths About Preliminary Research (PowerPoint).

**Activity 5:** How will the information from these supplementary materials impact your use of SciFinder and the American Chemical Society Journals database? Be specific.

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