**Project 2: A Research Paper**

**Worksheet #1: Developing Research Questions and finding sources**

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**Which key words have you tried for your search?**

**\_\_\_Near death experience, brain, patient, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **Open Questions (Write one to five Research Questions)** | | What will people think when they are experiencing NDE?  What's the different between NDE and the experience of using drugs?  What will people do after NDE?  What's the advantages and disadvantages of NDE?  What's the impact of NDE to people who haven't experience it especially the people who have no confidence to their life? |
| **List key words that you want to use for your Google searches** | | Near death experience, brain, patient, after life, |
| **Source #1 Title/ Source Type:** Near-death experience in survivors of cardiac arrest: a prospective study in the Netherlands | | |
| Catch Phrase/  Key words/  Representative words | Patients, survivors, death | |
| Tagline from a key passage  (Quotations) | We defined NDE as the reported memory of all impressions during a special state of consciousness, including specific elements such as out-of-body experience, pleasant feelings, and seeing a tunnel, a light, deceased relatives, or a life review. | |
| Why do you choose this source?  What issues does this source cover?  What would you like to explore more related to this source? | The study looks at NDEs from survivor aspect, including using a control group. It is thus important in examining NDEs      The source looks into the experiences of NDEs among survivors, including what they specifically felt.        I would like to know more about the specific experiences of these individuals. | |
| **Source #2 Title/ Source Type: Near-death experiences in non-life-threatening events and coma of different etiologies** | | |
| Catch Phrase/  Key words/  Representative words | Near-death experiences, cardiac arrest, traumatic brain injury, memory,  non-life threatening events | |
| Tagline from a key passage  (Quotations) | Unlike these “real NDEs” associated with “real” closeness to death or coma, possible NDEs or “NDE-like” experiences have also been reported in situations where there was no genuine threat to the individuals' life. Only a few studies have assessed “NDE-like” phenomena in non-life threatening situations ([Gabbard et al., 1981](#B15); [Owens et al., 1990](#B42); [Gabbard and Twemlow, 1991](#B16); [Kelly, 2001](#B28); [Facco and Agrillo, 2012](#B12)). Such accounts have also been reported in epileptic patients ([Hoepner et al., 2013](#B26)), syncope ([Lempert et al., 1994](#B32)), intense grief and anxiety ([Kelly, 2001](#B28)), Cotard's syndrome ([McKay and Cipolotti, 2007](#B36); [Charland-Verville et al., 2013](#B9)) and during meditative state ([Beauregard et al., 2009](#B3)). | |
| Why do you choose this source?  What issues does this source cover?  What would you like to explore more related to this source? | The source shares a different perspective of NDE from many sources.    The source shows that NDEs can be non-life threatening; thus they are normal      I would like to understand how NDEs are a “normal” thing, including why people should not be alarmed when faced with them | |

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| **Source #3 Title/ Source Type:**Distressing Near-Death Experiences | |
| Catch Phrase/  Key words/  Representative words | Distress, Near-death experiences |
| Tagline from a key passage  (Quotations) | The near-death experience is a powerful  the psychological experience of undetermined  origin typically occurring to an individual  close to death or in a situation of intense  physical or emotional danger |
| Why do you choose this source?  What issues does this source cover?  What would you like to explore more related to this source? | I selected the source because it compares the idea that NDEs are pleasant and the fact that most of them are very scary.  The source examines distressing NDEs, clearly showing that they are disturbing.  I would like to learn more about some of the distressing and disturbing NDE experiences, including their relevance to understanding NDEs as a whole |

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| **Source #4 Title/ Source Type:**New Clues Found in Understanding Near-Death Experiences | |
| Catch Phrase/  Key words/  Representative words | bodily sensations, life after death, culture, brain, psychoactive drugs |
| Tagline from a key passage  (Quotations) | This new study compared the stories of 625 individuals who reported NDEs with the stories of more than 15,000 individuals who had taken one of 165 different psychoactive drugs. |
| Why do you choose this source?  What issues does this source cover?  What would you like to explore more related to this source? | The source examines NDEs from both the neuroscience and cultural perspectives, thereby supporting a deep understanding of NDEs  The source examines the relationship between psychoactive drugs, the brain, and NDEs.  I would like to understand the chemical changes that occur in the brain following an NDE, and how certain drugs play a vital role in the process |

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| **Source #5 Title/ Source Type:**How A Woman Found Faith Through Her Near-Death Experience: ‘I’m At Peace- video | |
| Catch Phrase/  Key words/  Representative words | Faith, near-death experience |
| Tagline from a key passage  (Quotations) | I knew in a flash that I was going to die, right there. |
| Why do you choose this source?  What issues does this source cover?  What would you like to explore more related to this source? | I liked this video because it tells a real-life story of how an NDE can change someone’s entire life.  The source talks about a typical NDE involving an accident and how it changed a woman’s religious life  I would like to understand how NDE transformed the woman’s faith, including what went through her mind at the time of the accident, and how she responded to the situation. |

**Outline for the first draft**

**Introduction**

An NDE is a Near Death Experience that some people go through during a life-threatening situation. It can also result from the use of psychedelic drugs like Ketamine, LSD, and DMT. NDEs can manifest as either positive experiences which are associated with peace and calm or negative experiences that are related to grief and anguish.

**Body**

1. The Different Understanding
2. The Dangerous Perspective
3. The Normal Perspective
4. Impacts
5. Social
6. The Brain

**Conclusion**