Hybrid Online Class Discussion Board Structure

This week you are responsible for immersing yourself in library/database content. Many of you may have already started searching on your topic. The tutorials and videos posted this week will be useful as you start or continue your search. The discussion board this week is structured and you need to focus on posting in a timely manner to facilitate discussion among your group members.

(1) Your group will be assigned a ‘problem’ to address. You are responsible for searching multiple databases to find evidence to support a ‘solution’ to your problem.

(2) The first step is brainstorming a group search strategy. Who will search which databases for which terms? Create a timeline for searching and finding evidence.

(3) Report your pertinent evidence back to the group and come to a conclusion as a group regarding the ‘solution’ or ‘recommendation’ for the problem. You should include the following information:
   a. What was your search strategy?
   b. Where did you look?
   c. What terms did you search? Make a table with the search terms, databases search, and corresponding number of search results.
   d. How did you evaluate the results?
   e. What level is your supporting evidence? How confident are you in your evidence?
   f. Did you identify any potential research gaps?
   g. Is your supporting evidence qualitative or quantitative?
   h. What questions remain?

(4) Finally, reflect back on this process.
   a. What was the biggest challenge that your group faced in answering the question?
   b. Consider further how you will go about gathering information related to your work and assessing that information when you are no longer at UTC.
   c. Did your experience during the activity influence how you plan to search for information related to your group research presentation/proposal this semester? Explain.