

Turn Your Topic into a Search: Developing Additional Key Terms

Write down your topic and underline the key terms

Write the key terms at the top of each column and brainstorm broader, narrower and related terms. It may be helpful to consult a thesaurus. Also be willing to gather more information about your topic by consulting reference materials including subject encyclopedias, handbooks and dictionaries. Having additional search terms will aid your search efforts particularly when trying to locate articles in the databases.

Concept 1	AND	Concept 2	AND	Concept 3

- Purpose and Learning Outcomes:
 1. Identifies key concepts and terms that describe the information needed.
 2. Identifies keywords, synonyms and related terms for the information needed.

- ACRL Information Literacy Standards incorporated in this assignment:
 - Standard 1 – The information literate student determines the nature and extent of the information needed.
 - Standard 2 – The information literate student accesses needed information effectively and efficiently.