Getting a Head Start on Your BA: Planning Your Search

What is your research question / topic?

What is your major?

List other disciplines or subject areas that may cover your research topic:

Do you need very current information? Or do you need materials from a specific time period or era?

Are there specific geographic areas that you will be focusing on?

What languages can you read?

List Library Subjects Guides to review for your topic:

List Library Help Guides to review for your topic:
Getting a Head Start on Your BA: Developing a Search Strategy

Identify at least two reference sources for your project:

Identify at least two research databases to search:

Identify search terms for your project:

**SAMPLE RESEARCH QUESTION:**
*DO STATE TAX INCENTIVES FOR THE FILM INDUSTRY HAVE A NET POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT?*

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Synonyms:  

Construct a database search using these terms: