Narrowing a Topic: Using research to discover narrow & interesting angles

General Research Topic (it’s okay if it’s broad at this point):

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1. Do a quick search in Academic Search Premier and identify 5 subtopics regarding your topic: (consider answering the who, what, when, where, why, and how questions of your topic). For example: One angle of social media is Twitter use amongst the elderly

   
   

2. From the list above, which angle(s) interests you the most?

3. What terms might you use to find more on your chosen angle? Think about how you can restructure your search (i.e. social media and romantic relationships):

   Searching: Academic Search Premier | Choose Databases

   | social media | Select a Field (option... | AND | self esteem | Select a Field (option... | AND | adolescents | Select a Field (option... |

Terms for your chosen angle:

4. Now that you’ve identified some key terms, conduct a search using the keywords listed above and find one source that extends your understanding of your topic (email it to yourself). List the title for your source below. Use the rest of your time to search for related information to your new, focused topic.