**Topics, Types & Terms: Using research to narrow a topic**

General research **topic**:

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1. Information is varied by **type**. Each group will search a separate type of source and make observations about how the type of information conveyed reflects the information source.
   1. When was it written? How is that significant?
   2. What aspect/angle of your topic is covered?
   3. What evidence is presented (as best you can tell from the summary)?
   4. Who created the information? How is the source authoritative?
   5. How could you *use* this source or one like it?
      1. Background info
      2. Evidence for your claim
      3. Argument to employ or refute
      4. Methods to apply
2. What subtopics and angles are mentioned in the sources?
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   2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What **terms** might you use to find more on your chosen angle?
   1. Titles and abstracts (relevance)
   2. Subject limits
4. Selecting platforms/types and combining terms (advanced search and search history)

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1. Reference management – saving and citing your work