

Developing a Search Strategy

List as many key terms
as you can think of:

Then list any synonyms
for these terms:

For a large electronic database, such as GaleNet or the Internet, always refine your search using Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) and other limits (category, subject search, custom search). Special search syntax such as truncation (*) and proximity searching may help if your initial results are not good. Use parentheses for complex searches.

Sample GaleNet Searches:

SUBJECT SEARCH	Human rights	
CUSTOM SEARCH	Human rights	(Subject/Name)
	AND detention*	(Title/Heading)
CUSTOM SEARCH	Human rights	(Subject/Name)
	AND "arbitrary detention"	(Fulltext)
CUSTOM SEARCH	("Human rights" OR Freedom*) AND China	

Sample Yahoo Searches: + "human rights" +liberty

CATEGORY Regional > Countries > China > Society and Culture > Issues and Causes ... Human rights

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