quick and dirty

Search Tips

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Search Tips: Search terms

- Brainstorm search terms
- Try using the built-in Thesaurus
- Use your results to come up with more/better search terms
Search Tips: Specify what you want

• Use limiters such as date, scholarly journals, full-text
• Use the drop down boxes for author, subject, title, etc.
• Add more search terms
Search Tips: Composing an effective search

• Boolean searching or not?
• Are you searching within the full text of the article or just information about the article?
Search Tips: Working with your results

- Be aware of how the results are sorted (relevance or date?)
- Narrow within the results
- Be sure you get your citation information!
Search Tips: Too few results?

- Are you in the right database?
- Do you need different search terms?
- Do you need Boolean operators?
- Try broader search terms
- Try searching within the text of the article/ebook