

Exercise 2-3A: Comparing & Narrowing Searches

Complete the following tasks, then answer the reflection questions.

- Brainstorm and jot down a list of keywords related to your topic. Choose one of the keywords and use it in a search on Google.
- Use the same keyword in a “TX All Text” search on *Academic Search Premier* (library.unc.edu > E-Research by Discipline > Academic Search Premier).
- Within these search results, use the “Subject: Thesaurus” and “Subject” options under “Refine Results” to further narrow your search.

Reflection Questions:

1. What are the key differences between the results returned in these searches? Which yielded more results? Which yielded results more relevant to your topic?
2. Based on the list search results from Google, what will be the next steps in your research plan? How will you refine your topic?
3. Click on an entry from among the *Academic Search Premier* search results: What did you learn about the source from this page? How do the keywords listed there compare to the keywords you generated in Step 1 above?