DEVELOPING AN EFFECTIVE RESEARCH STRATEGY

USE OPERATORS

Use **AND** between two keywords to find results that have both terms. This search limits your results and increases accuracy.

Use **OR** between keywords to find results with either. This will increase results. It works best when searching a specialized term.

The **NOT** to exclude terms that are not relevant to your research.

TRY ADVANCED SEARCH TECHNIQUES

**Nesting Search Terms**
Use **parentheses** to build a search with a combination of operators. Using parentheses in your search is a lot like using them in arithmetic— the search inside the parentheses is done first.

Germany AND (Versailles Treaty OR Paris Peace Conference)

**Phrase Searching**
Phrases can be identified by **Quotation Marks**. By using quotation marks, you will only see results with the terms you typed in the exact order your typed them.

“Paris Peace Conference”

**Truncation**
Allows you to search various forms of a word by finding alternate endings. The character (*) is placed at the end of the first few letters of a search term or at the end of its root.

Teen* retrieves teen, teens, teenage, teenager, and teenagers.

**Set Limits**
Set search limits such as scholarly journals, full-text, or document type. Filter your results by publication year when appropriate.

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### BUILDING SOPHISTICATED SEARCH PHRASES

What are some search phrases you can build to search for relevant information?