

## Creating a Search Strategy

**1. Define your topic in a phrase or sentence.**

*Example: My paper explores the career outlook of teaching.*

**2. Circle the keywords, or the main words, in your sentence.**

**3. Generate synonyms for the keywords in your topic. Get these from books, articles, or other sources of information.**

*teaching careers, careers in education, future of teaching*

**4. Find additional keywords or synonyms such as persons, places or related things.**

*elementary education (or a specific level), professional responsibilities, wages, salary, work conditions, training for teachers*

**5. List the assignment requirements (due date, types of sources, etc.).**

*3 newspaper articles, 2 academic/scholarly articles; Sources must be no more than 5 years old; Due December 1.*

**6. Try some searches! Go to the FAU Libraries Home Page ([www.fau.edu/library](http://www.fau.edu/library)) to get to SearchWiSE, the Library Catalog and Indexes/Databases.**