Moving from a Research Question to Search Terms

1. Write out your research statement or question:

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2. Identify key words and concepts; circle or underline them

3. Brainstorm for synonyms and related terms:

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4. Begin combining terms using the search tools on the other side of the page in Saints search or the library database you are using

5. Pay attention to the subject terms associated with hits you find

For example

| Subject           | Sharks; Fisheries management; Commercial fishing; International law; International organizations; Marine conservation |

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