



Answer Key

Generating Search Terms (Video)

Check your knowledge about this topic by answering these questions.
Some questions have more than one correct answer.

1. Thinking about search terms or keywords is important. It will help you do what?

13 points

- Save time
- Be a more efficient searcher
- Explore different perspectives or aspects of your topic
- Find more relevant information

2. Which of these is the correct order of the searching process?

13 points

- Brainstorm search terms; Search; Browse results; Combine search terms to develop a search string
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- Combine search terms to develop a search string; Brainstorm search terms; Browse results; Search
- Combine search terms to develop a search string; Brainstorm search terms; Search; Browse results

3. Which statements are true? After browsing your search results, _____.

13 points

- You may come up with new search terms to use.
- You may need to change your topic.
- You are ready to write your paper.
- You will be an expert on the topic.

4. The first step of brainstorming search terms is to look at your topic sentence and _____.

13 points

- Add words to the end of the sentence.
- Look up synonyms for each word in the topic sentence.
- Ask your librarian what words you should use.
- Pick out the words that represent the main ideas.

5. For each of your search terms, next brainstorm _____.

13 points

- Other forms of the word
- Other spellings of the word
- Synonyms of the word
- Related ideas or subtopics

6. Environmentalists used to be called conservationists. With that in mind, the time period you are studying might impact your search terms. True or false?

9 points

- True
- False

7. After you have brainstormed search terms, it is now time to _____.

13 points

- Search in a library database
- Search the internet
- Write your research paper
- Combine your search terms to develop a search string

8. Use search terms or keywords to find information in what types of resources?

13 points

- Internet (websites, etc.)
- Library databases
- Both of the above
- None of the above