

Broader terms. What broad disciplines or subjects may address your research question?

Related terms. Synonyms and other terms that describe issues or activities that relate to your key concepts.

Narrower terms. Specific examples of your key concepts. These might be cases, events, names, places, etc.

Use the blank chart on the back to identify your KEY WORDS, and then words that will broaden, narrow or relate to each.

Complete this chart BEFORE starting your Internet, database or book searches.

Then, use the terms to enhance your searches. If one term fails to work, try another. Also, try combinations of terms whenever possible.

Key word(s)	Broader	Related	Narrower
Native Americans	Indigenous peoples, North American history	Indians, Amerinds, North American Indians	Makah, Nez Perce, Cherokee, Kwakiutl, etc.
Customs	Social systems, anthropology,	Marriage, social relations, spirituality, rites and ceremonies, religion, culture	Lodge house(s), hunting, whaling, potlatch, etc.
Law	Criminal justice, U.S. Constitution, constitutional law	Legislation, crimes, treaty rights	Bureau of Indian Affairs, NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act), cases (e.g. Kennewick Man, Neah Bay whaling)

Topic Vocabulary Chart

Your TOPIC QUESTION so far: _____

Key word(s)	Broader	Related	Narrower