HOW TO FIND THE BEST

RESEARCH ARTICLES

by filtering for the most relevant results



1. TYPE IN YOUR SEARCH TERM

This is the basic idea of your topic. It may come from your teacher's writing assignment or some idea you may have thought of on your own.



2. ADD MORE DETAILS (CONTEXT) TO YOUR SEARCH TERM

Some questions you can ask yourself about your original search term are: what kind? when? who? why? Just a single additional detail can help.

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN YOUR RESULT NUMBERS DROP
AFTER ADDING MORE DETAILS ABOVE.



3. CHECK YOUR RESULTS

Now is the time to look over your results and see if they match up with your idea/topic. If they don't, you should go back up to #1 and try different search terms. Perhaps the articles use different words for the same ideas.



4. USE THE FILTER TOOLS TO NARROW YOUR RESULTS EVEN FURTHER

Make sure you are fulfilling your professor's requirements for article type (scholarly, newspaper, magazine), publication date,

and topic.