Creating a Search Strategy

1. Define your topic in a phrase or sentence.
   What are the educational requirements and training needed to become a teacher?

2. Circle the keywords, or the main words, in your sentence.
   - Educational requirements
   - Training
   - Teacher

3. Generate synonyms for the keywords in your topic. Related persons, places, or things can also be included. See also www.thesaurus.com for additional terms.
   - Educational requirements: college education; college degrees
   - Training: internships, co-ops
   - Teacher: educator, elementary school teacher, high school teacher

4. List the assignment requirements (due date, types of sources, etc.)
   - Due in 2 weeks
   - 3 sources: must be books or articles from magazines or newspapers; no Internet web pages
   - 3 to 5 pages in length
   - Format the paper using (APA, MLA, or Chicago) style and include a reference cited page.

5. Try some searches! Go to the FAU Libraries Home Page (library.fau.edu) to get to OneSearch, the Library Catalog, Indexes/Databases, and Electronic Journals.