Creating a Search Strategy

1. Define your topic in a phrase or sentence.

2. Circle the keywords, or the main words, in your sentence.

3. Generate synonyms for the keywords in your topic. Get these from books, articles, or other sources of information, and also use word association to generate keywords.

4. Find additional keywords or synonyms such as persons, places or related thing (Check out www.thesaurus.com for ideas!)

5. List the assignment requirements (due date, types of sources, etc.)

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