Think carefully about your topic and select the appropriate database. Results will be much more focused and useful.

► EBSCO databases include:
  - Academic Search Complete (general academic),
  - Business Source Complete,
  - CINAHL Complete (Nursing and Allied Health),
  - GreenFILE (energy, environment, recycling),
  - Health Source - Consumer Edition (popular health),
  - Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition (medical),
  - History Reference Center (books and periodicals),
  - MasterFILE Premier (general),
  - Military & Government Collection,
  - Newspaper Source Plus, Professional Development Collection (education),
  - Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection,
  - Regional Business News, Religion and Philosophy Collection,
  - Sociological Collection, Vocational and Career Collection (technical and vocational)

► Other databases for clear pro and con arguments on current topics:
  Opposing Viewpoints in Context, CQ Researcher

► Searching Tips:
  ► Do a keyword search first, which gets you all of the articles that have those words in them.
  ► Use the most obvious/unique or unusual word(s) first.
  ► Don't use small connecting words like in, the, and, of.
  ► Don't use too many words.
  ► Don't capitalize.
  ► Narrow or focus your search by using suggested subjects in the left-hand column of the screen.
► Subject search (from the Subject: Thesaurus Term box) gets you articles that are totally about that subject.

► Try to get the number of hits down to several hundred or less – they will be much more focused and appropriate to your topic.

► Hover over the magnifying glass to preview the abstract of each article.

► If you find an article that is what you want, examine the subject term links and follow those.

► If you find an article that is what you want, click on the green Find Similar Results box.

► If you know the date range of the information that you are looking for, use the date slider on the left side of the screen to limit your results. (For example, the Americans with Disabilities Act was enacted in 1990, so best results would be obtained by using a year near 1990 as a start date.)

► Use Source Types limiters to limit your results to Academic Journals, Trade Publications, Magazines, Newspapers, Books/Monographs.