# Literature Search Plan

**Search for information about your subject. Make your search query as precise as possible and deliminate the question in terms of location, language, etc.**  
  
Write your query here.  
What exactly do you want to investigate, make the question as clearly as possible.

### Step 1

**Split your search query into keywords (see** [**How to search: search terms)**](https://leren.windesheim.nl/d2l/le/lessons/56374/topics/552024)

Step 2  
**Make a list of relevant search terms.**  
  
**Use synonyms, translations, broader or narrower terms, etc. (see** [**How to search: search terms**](https://leren.windesheim.nl/d2l/le/lessons/56374/topics/552024)**). Write the terms in the chart below.**

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|  | **Search term** | **Search term** | **Search term** | **Search term** |
| **Synonyms** |  |  |  |  |
| **Broader, narrower terms** |  |  |  |  |
| **Professional terms** |  |  |  |  |
| **Translations** |  |  |  |  |
| **Abbreviations** |  |  |  |  |

### Step 3

**Combine the search terms using the Boolean operators AND, OR, NOT and apply search techniques (see Searching for information (**[**How to search: Search techniques**](https://leren.windesheim.nl/d2l/le/lessons/56374/topics/552025)**).**  
  
Decide in advance where you want to search (see [**Searching for information: What are you looking for?**](https://leren.windesheim.nl/d2l/le/lessons/56374/topics/552020)).

Write down details of your sources that are useful for your research. If you follow the format provided below, you will have the correct information for citing your sources according to APA guidelines.

From a **book** on paper or online write down**:**  
Author  
Title  
Year of publication  
Publisher  
Online: consult date and URL  
  
From a **journal article** on paper or online write down:  
Author  
Title article  
Year of publication article  
Magazine title  
Volume  
Number  
First page, last page of the article  
Online: consult date and URL or DOI

From a **web pag**e write down:  
Author  
Year and date of publication  
Title of the web page

Website name  
Consult date  
URL of the web page

**Step 4**  
**Select and evaluate the information you found.**  
  
Apply the 1st and 2nd check for books and magazines and use the CRAAP test for web pages (see [**Assessing and selecting information**](https://leren.windesheim.nl/d2l/le/lessons/56374/units/552004)**)**.  
  
  
**Step 5**  
**Process the information**  
  
Make a reference of the sources you can use and compile the list of sources (see [**Processing information**](https://leren.windesheim.nl/d2l/le/lessons/56374/units/552005)).