

Research Terms Glossary

Academic- pertaining to school

Advanced Search- allows you to restrict your search to defined categories

Annotated- includes a summary or description

Archive- providing access to records/documents of historical interests; a database

Authority- official or expert on subject

Blog- online journal to read, write, edit and share

Boolean Search- method of searching for information that combines the search terms using the operators AND, OR, Not & (parenthesis)

Broad Topic- overall big picture; large category of topic

Browse- look around; shop around

Comparative- involving comparison

Cross reference- comparing resources for accuracy and information

Customize- to alter according to individual needs; to make your own

Database- data bank; collection of organized data

Directory- alphabetical list of names or addresses

Domain- territory; string of letters or numbers identifying Internet address (www.whatever.com)

Editorial- article stating opinion or giving perspective

Full-Text- entire article

Investigate- inquire or look up; search

Nonpartisan- no connection to a political party

Open-Access- Free online access to anyone

Primary Source- original material directly from the past; historical document

Refine Search- narrow scope of search; limit results

Relevant- connection with subject; pertains to or coincides with topic

RSS- Real Simple Syndication; web feeds or subscriptions that 'push' updates to you

Scholarly- qualities of a learned person or scholar

Subtopic- subset of a larger topic; narrow scope; division of topic

TMI- Too Much Information

Unbiased- fair; not prejudiced; lacks partiality

Wiki- typically free shared website that allows for easy editing of interlined webpages