# Research Guide

## Objective
To gain perspective on your research topic by brainstorming terms that will generate effective search results within research sources.

## The Basics
1. Research topic/question
2. Main concepts
3. Synonyms/search terms (to narrow or broaden the topic)
4. Search for books (library catalog), articles (library databases), and Internet sources
5. Thesis statement: the answer to your research question

## Research Topic/Question

Is there any exceptions to the Exclusionary Rule in a criminal case?

## Main Concepts
- Exceptions
- Exclusionary Rule
- Criminal

## Synonyms/Search Terms
- Omission
- Debarment
- Rejection
- Exclusion
- Fruit of the poisonous tree
- Fourth Amendment Jurisprudence
- Police Misconduct
- Illegal
- Illicit
- Immoral
- Scandalous
- Unlawful

## Thesis Statement
Research Topic/Question

Main Concepts

Synonyms/Terms

Thesis Statement

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