

Building Better Searches

Instructions: Start with a print or online encyclopedia to find the background information to begin brainstorming key terms for your topic. Build better searches by brainstorming the broad, related and narrow terms that will help you gather the information needed for the topic. Use the diagram below to organize your research.

Guide to Gathering Key Terms

BT – Broad Terms

Write the broad terms in this section that provide a general overview topic.

RT – Related Terms

Write related terms in this section that could be used to link to other types of information.

NT – Narrow Terms

Write narrow terms in this section that help focus the information on specific ideas about the topic.

The diagram is a large inverted triangle divided into three horizontal sections. The top section contains the letters 'BT', the middle section contains 'RT', and the bottom section contains 'NT'. These letters are large and outlined, serving as a template for students to write their key terms.