

SEARCHING AS STRATEGIC EXPLORATION

Realize that information sources vary in content, format, and relevance to your needs, depending on the nature and extent of your research. Be flexible and understand that your first attempts are just starting points.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- What is the nature and extent of your research?
- What type(s) of information do you need?
- Who produces the type(s) of information you need?
- What questions will help you search for this information?

HOW IT WORKS

FIRST

Determine the nature and extent of your research and the type(s) of information you need

Identify the sources that will provide you this type of information (scholars, governments, news agencies, etc.)

THEN

FINALLY

Design search strategies to help you find this information, and refine as necessary based on the search results

