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## Focused Research Topic: Choosing a topic

Our sample topic will be about natural disasters.

### CONCEPT TABLE

| Concept Categories         | Primary Concept   | Secondary Concepts |             |             |             |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                            | Natural disasters |                    |             |             |             |
| Keywords<br><i>OR</i>      | Catastrophes      | A<br>N<br>D        | A<br>N<br>D | A<br>N<br>D | A<br>N<br>D |
| Synonyms<br><i>OR</i>      | Hazards           |                    |             |             |             |
| Related Terms<br><i>OR</i> | Tragedy           |                    |             |             |             |
| Subject Headings*          | Devastation       |                    |             |             |             |
|                            | Hurricanes        |                    |             |             |             |
|                            | Tsunamis          |                    |             |             |             |
|                            | Forest fires      |                    |             |             |             |
|                            | Earthquakes       |                    |             |             |             |

What is your main research topic? List it under Primary Concept. List other keywords that describe this topic underneath: alternate spellings, synonyms, related terms and phrases, and subject headings you'll find in library databases.