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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 <i>OR</i>	Catastrophes	A N D	A N D	A N D	A N D
Synonyms <i>OR</i>	Hazards				
Related Terms <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.