RELI 210 Religion in Practice
Library workshop

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Goals: After this workshop…

… you will be able to find the resources necessary to complete your assignment.

- Books
- Peer-reviewed articles
- Newspapers and articles
- Social media

How to access the library resources

Your research topic

- Choose your research topic: mindmapping, brainstorming, genuine curiosity.

    Picking Your Topic IS Research! (Youtube video   by the North Carolina State University Libraries, 3:11)
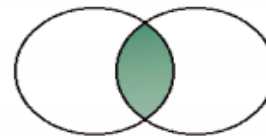

- Develop a research question
    What are the **key concepts** of your topic?
  (festival* OR celebration*) AND (relig*) AND (wom?n)

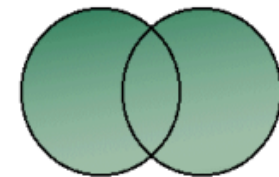# Boolean operators for a successful reseach statement

- **AND** limits your search, both words must be present in the search result

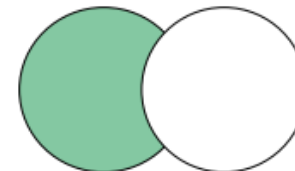   Pilgrimage **AND** Buddhism

- **OR** broadens your search, either of the words must be present in the search result * This is great to use with synonyms.

    marriage OR union OR conjugality OR matrimony

- **NOT** excludes an element in your search

    sacred healing NOT chamanism

Other operators

- Quotation marks ('' ''): to search a string of words in a specific order
  - ''rites of passage'' will avoid finding sacrificial rites or the passage of time

- Truncation (*): to search the common denominator of related words
  - canad*= canada, canadian, canadien, canadians, canadiens
  - relig*= religion, religions, religious, religieux, religieuse, religare

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- Access is restricted to Concordia users

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Some database providers, such as **EBSCO** and **ProQuest**, allow you to format references using a particular style (ex. APA, Chicago, MLA, etc.), and email or print these formatted references.

Note: *Always review the citations formatted by the database. Compare results with style guidelines listed on this guide for the exact formatting and punctuation.*

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- **APA style guide - 7th edition** - guidelines and examples prepared by Concordia Library

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