The Advanced Search page is a good place to start when using any search tool.
A good place for helpful tips

Find web pages that have...
- all these words:
- this exact wording or phrase:
- one or more of these words:

But don't show pages that have...
- any of these unwanted words:

Need more tools?
- Results per page: 10 results
- Language: any language
- File type: any format
- Search within a site or domain: (e.g. youtube.com, .edu)

Limiting the language to English will reduce the number of results.

Open up this drop down menu for additional ways to limit your search such as to websites updated within the last week, month, etc.

You can do phrase searching here or by putting the words in “quote” marks.

Use this feature if you have several search terms but are not sure which one is best. This will broaden your search.

This is a powerful tool if you are searching within a specific domain such as:
- .edu
- .gov

Be very careful with this feature. Identifying any unwanted words can cause you to miss relevant results!
Compare the basic search page to the advance search page below. You can do much more with the advanced search page to control the search results!

Here are the Boolean operators AND, OR, NOT.

Clicking on the blue box will open a drop down menu with the different search choices you have. Some of the most useful choices are AU Author, TX All Text, and SU Subject or SU Descriptor. This allows you to identify exactly what you are searching for.
### Search Engines
- Anyone can access it
- Gathers information by harvesting the web
- Incomplete coverage of the web
- Limited to the accessible or *visible* web
- Weak organization of information
- No use of subject terms or categories
- Any kind of information is retrievable

### Databases
- Proprietary—restricted access
- Information gathered in a structured way
  - Done by experts, i.e., editors
  - Produced by experts, i.e., scholars
- Specific and in-depth coverage of subjects
- Strong organization of information
- Very specific information is retrievable