Search Tips for Databases

The first thing you want to do is **decide your topic**.
- Start broad! Pick the subject of what you want to write about, then break it into search terms such as:
  - "Coffee Industry in the U.S. and How It's Impacted the Environment" → "Coffee Industry AND United States"

- Now that you have your topic, you can find an article in the library Databases. Go to our library website (Felix G. Woodward Library (https://library.apsu.edu/)

  - Under "Search and Find", select "Databases"

  - Then, use the "Subjects" tab to select the subject of your topic. Select the closest subject relating to your topic.

  - After that, I searched for "Environmental Studies" in the search bar to keep it broad and find the best databases related to my topic. I chose **Gale Environmental Studies and Policy**

- **JSTOR** (https://www.jstor.org/) and **Gale** (https://www.gale.com/) are great options for just about any topic or subject.

- For additional help for searching effectively, check this article: **Top Ten Search Tips | Northeastern University Library** (https://library.northeastern.edu/get-help/research-tutorials/effective-database-searches/top-ten-search-tips)