# Instructions

Note: Activity should last approximately 20 minutes

1. Demonstrate the entire process on the whiteboard (see attached example). Choose a topic relevant to the course content and write it in the center of the board
2. Ask students to think about what kinds of questions they would ask about this topic. Then invite them to brainstorm
3. Write the questions down around the central topic in a different color
4. When sufficient questions have been created, show the students how one can link the question to a specific discipline
5. Provide students with a sheet of paper. Invite them to write their topic in the center which will encourage them to think more creatively than to make lists on the page. Tell them to brainstorm question about their topic
6. After 5 minutes, ask students to think about what kinds of experts would do research on the questions they generated
7. Explain how different kinds of disciplinary experts publishing their research in different publications and explain how you can use disciplinary-focused research databases to find sources in those disciplines. Show students how to browse databases by subject and/or format
8. Demonstrate a search