



# Tips For Searching for Sources

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SOWK 460w  
Week 08**

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# Agenda

## Week 08

Plan for week eight

Tips for searching

Demo example using topic of burnout

# Week Eight

## Expectations

- \* Read Royse (2023) Chapter 8
- \* Reading chapter quiz
- \* Attend Monday's workshop if needed
- \* Write a journal entry

# Tips for Searching for Sources

## Finding Scholarly Sources

(Royse, 2023)

TIP 1. Start with a Broad Social Science Database.

TIP 2. Start by Searching Key Words in the Title Boxes.

TIP 3. Use as Few Words as Possible.

TIP 4. If the Title Search Is Unproductive, Broaden the Search by Changing the Secondary Search Term to an All-Text Search.

TIP 5. If You Get Too Many Hits, Add Another (Third) Search Term.

TIP 7. Use Synonyms and Then Repeat Your Searches.

TIP 8. Use Quotation Marks for a Two-Term Phrase.

TIP 9. Look for Systematic Literature Reviews, Systematic Reviews, or Reviews of the Literature.

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**Burnout and Child Welfare Workers**