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PSY3588 - Literature Searching Approaches

Search Strategies/Techniques:

+Keyword *+Author* *+Boolean Connectors (and/or)* *+Phrase* *+Thesaurus*

+Subject *+Indirect Subject* *+Build in Steps (large sets to smaller)* *+References*

+Limiting/Refining (e.g. journal title; by age group; methodology)

Identify Books, etc.:

- **SPU Primo:** Keyword, Subject, Title, Author searches

Identify Periodical Articles: (locate via **Psychology** subject guide)

- **PsycINFO:** indexing to the world's research literature, including over 450 full text titles
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Locate the full text:

1. **SPU Primo**: search by journal title to see if we have access in print, microfilm, or another database
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APA Reference Guide:

- **Citations, Style Manuals, and RefWorks - APA**

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