Database Search Tips

- Use quotes for “phrase searching”
- Use AND between different aspects of search topic to narrow search results i.e. (technology AND classroom)
- Use OR between similar aspects of search to expand search results i.e. (technology OR computers AND classroom)
- Enter research OR studies OR study to find articles that are research based
- Use “peer reviewed” as a limiter if database offers it and if required
- Sort search results by Relevance when possible
- Use references at end of an article to find more articles on same topic
- If article link is not listed in search results, use “Find Text” button to locate article
- If find text does not locate article, use ILLIAD to request the article
- When using the ERIC database, limit search to document type EJ for journals