Moving from Research Question to Search Strategy

Source: Georgia State University Libraries (http://research.library.gsu.edu/c.php?g=115798&p=754099)

RESEARCH QUESTION:

CORE CONCEPTS:
Break your Research Question down into its Core Concepts

KEYWORDS:
List alternate ways of describing those concepts

SEARCH STRATEGY:

- Use truncation (*) to find variant forms of a word – stereotypes, stereotypical
- Use parentheses and the OR operator to “nest” your search – different terms/phrases that get at the same concept
- Use quotation marks for phrase searching
- Use Boolean operators to connect search terms:
  - OR – finds results with EITHER or BOTH terms – broadens search
  - AND – finds results with BOTH terms – narrows search

For your research question, which databases would be best to search?