Identify Your Topic

(Ex. Creation of national bank)

Creation of national bank

Identify what you already know

What do you already know about this topic? (Ex. Alexander Hamilton supported it; became Federal Reserve)

You can search the Credo Reference database for background information on your topic.

- Hamilton advocated for it
- Eventually became Federal Reserve

Create Keywords and Search Terms

Create keywords based on what you know: (Ex. "national bank", "Alexander Hamilton")

"national bank"
"Alexander Hamilton"

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If no, why not?:

More about Hamilton + national bank

What will you do differently on the next search (Ex. Revise search terms; Narrow topic; Search another Database)?

search US History in Context
try "federal reserve"