Step 1
Select “Sources” from the top left corner.

Step 2
You may choose to limit your sources to a particular country and region.

💡 Tip!
Choosing a region instead of a state will give you access to more news sources and may give better results.
Step 3

You may choose to limit your sources to a particular publication type. Choose “News” for newspaper articles.

Step 4

Now select which regional sources you’d like to use and click “OK – Continue.”

😊 Tip!

Selecting more than one source may give better results. For example, New York news sources often report New Jersey news and vice versa. (And don’t forget to click “OK – Continue”!)
Enter your search terms and click “Search.”

Tip!

You may need to use multiple, specific terms to find the best results. LexisNexis searches thousands of sources. Simple search terms may return too many results to be displayed.

Think about the main concepts in your topic when choosing search terms. Are there multiple concepts?

**Example:** What is the relationship between poverty and homelessness in New Jersey?

This topic has 3 concepts: poverty, homelessness, and New Jersey

When combining terms, use **Boolean Logic:**

- **AND** -- Limits the search to articles that contain BOTH terms.
- **OR** -- Limits the search to articles that contain EITHER term.
- **NOT** -- Limits the search to articles that contains only ONE of the terms.

**Phrase Searching** – Try using quotation marks “ ” to search an exact phrase. The database will look for articles with *all* of the terms in *exact* order.

**Example:** “Welfare reform” or “food stamps”
Tip! If you have too many results, you can limit to a particular subject area.

In this case, choosing the subject “Social Assistance & Welfare” displays 151 articles that focus on a particular aspect of the topic.