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Hendon, Yu

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Tip #1: Pick out the main concepts of your topic
- attitudes
- same-sex
- marriage

Tip #2: Combine the main ideas with “and”
- same-sex and marriage
  and attitudes
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Tip #3: Use the asterisk symbol * (wildcard) to retrieve plurals and alternate endings

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- marry
- married
- marriage, etc.
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Tip #4: Think of synonyms for your search terms, e.g. for same-sex:
• homosexuals
• lesbians
• gay

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