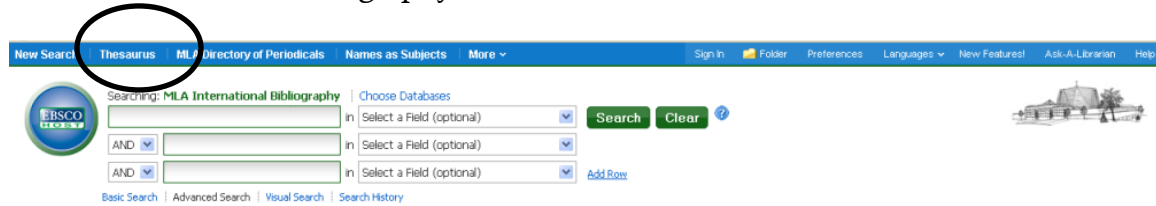
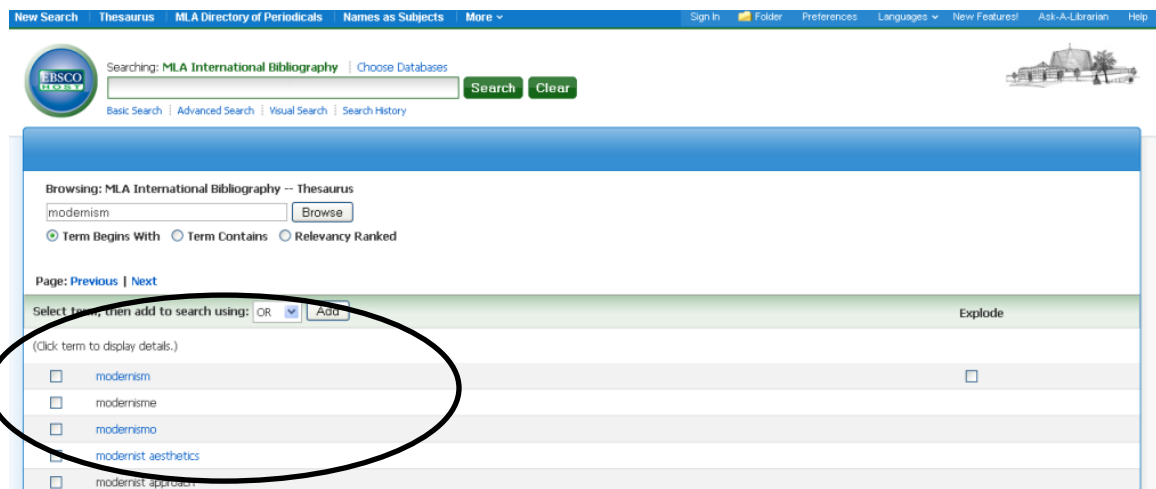


## How do I select appropriate search terms in literature?

**Step One:** Select “Thesaurus” from the masthead (blue stripe at top of screen) in the MLA International Bibliography.



**Step Two:** Insert a topic of interest into the search window. Now a roster of choices appears; select the appropriate term from the roster. The database may show alternative phrasing; if so, select the alternate term.



**Step Three:** Select a term to see its full entry in the thesaurus. The “Explode” option will offer all references indexed to the term, as well as all references indexed to narrower subject terms. Select the box *adjacent* to a term for a major concept search.

**Step Four:** Now select “Search” adjacent to the main search form at the top of the page. Search results will feature “DE” (Exact Subject/Explode) followed by the term(s). Now narrow search results to peer reviewed literature, full-text only, and specific publication years, if needed.

