ECON 472: Researching for Your Honours Essay

Example Topic

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Effect of a Carbon Tax
Summary

I am going to study the effect of a carbon tax on the economy and/or in reducing emissions in Canada. I will do a literature search and use statistics.
Key concepts

- Emissions
- Carbon
- Tax
- Canada
Synonyms/Alternate Search Terms

- Emissions
- Carbon: greenhouse, co2, gas
- Tax: taxes, taxing, taxation
- Canada: Canadian, specific provinces?
Truncation

• Tax* (but ???)
• Canad*
Concept Map

OR

Carbon
- Carbon
- Greenhouse
- CO2
- Gas

Emissions

Tax
- Taxes
- Taxing
- Taxation

Canada
- Canadian
- Specific provinces?
Search Statement

(carbon or greenhouse or co2 or gas) AND emissions AND tax* AND (canad* OR Ontario)
In Econlit...
In Canadian Research Index...

http://www.cdhowe.org/pdf/ebrief_90.pdf