**Key Words, yo.**

Our topic: **Native Hawaiian Culture**

If you go into your project with an **arsenal of key words** then the "I CAN'T FIND ANYTHING" tantrum and overwhelmed feelings won't happen.

What other words could you use? You can brainstorm, but there are more than that, yes? So, let’s let the computer-brain help.

1. Put all three words, one at a time, into the google search bar with the word “synonym,” pick out the great words, and put them into new configurations:

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| **Native** | **Hawaiian** | **Culture** |
| indigenous  ancient | Polynesian  Pacific Islander | customs  traditions  values  civilization  society  (there are SO many more, especially if you want to look at certain aspects of culture) |

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| **Mash-ups** |
| Ancient Polynesian traditions  Indigenous Pacific Islander values  Native Hawaiian values  Indigenous Polynesian culture  Etc.  These will all bring up somewhat different results! |

1. Why is **Wikepedia** bad? (Don’t ever use it as an actual source)

BUT why is it GOOD?

See if they have anything in Wikipedia…

They DO. A WHOLE page on native Hawaiian culture! Holy smokes. This can help you find key words (the titles and sub titles), give you an overview of your subject if it’s new to you, and at the bottom, are lists of sources. Some are solid sources, but not all. Be smart.

1. Note: **Please know that**, when using databases:
   1. You can put the same exact key words into different databases, and each will put different sources. Some may overlap, but you need to check a bunch of different databases. DON’T JUST USE THE FIRST ONE. Duh.
   2. Use a mash-up of the different keywords you found. They will pull up different information despite the words having similar meanings.