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- 1 **Enter your keyword(s)** in the box(es).
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Link your keywords using the **AND OR or NEAR operators**.
- 2 Select the journals you wish to search by checking the relevant subject boxes. You can click to expand the journal list to get a full listing of all the journals contained in the JSTOR database. **Click** individual journals to search them.
- 3 You can then choose to **limit** your search further if you wish. Click to limit by type of article. Enter specific dates to search only those years/months. Finally you can sort your results by relevancy. Click **Begin Search**

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- 2 Choose the journals or subjects you want to search for
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