

Review of Literature

Action: Write a Review of Literature.

Bring a hard copy to class on Tuesday 11/22

The function of the review of the literature is to provide background and rationale for your research.

Background is provided by writing a review of the literature in the field of your inquiry research.

You should think of a review of literature as a "story" of your research in which you lead your readers up to your experiment. As you are telling this story, you are crafting an argument for your testable question. Successfully crafting this argument, requires that you synthesize and integrate the work of others and thereby provide an understanding of your testable question and hypothesis.

Reviews of literature follow a general to specific to general pattern [Outline SPECIFICS HERE](#)

Your report will start off broadly in your introduction and discussion of the literature; the report narrows as it leads up to your specific hypothesis and later will be followed with your methods, and results.

Must use APA in text citations and a list of references. [Use Purdue OWL Citations as a reference.](#)

You should have 8 or more total references. For this paper.

Overall Review of the Literature components:

Background :

Independent Variable

Exploring your Entity,

Dependent Variable, and the connection between them.

- Tells the story of your research.
- Uses **EVERY** topic necessary to understand your research.
- Synthesizes topics in a meaningful way.
- Includes diagrams to illustrate complex ideas or processes.
- Relates and explains techniques that will be used in your analysis.
- Incorporates previous studies that specifically relate to your research.

Closure:

- Begins with the connection between your testable question and the background information.
- Highlights how your research will specifically add to the body of knowledge in this field.
- Logically connects your testable question to your hypothesis

After your closing paragraph please START a new page and include your HYPOTHESIS- This is an IDEA following by a PREDICTION

NOT to be INCLUDED in the ROUGH DRAFT- but a component of the ROL

Introduction :

- Includes the relevance of your research (the "so what factor").
- Places your research in the context of your scientific field.

As you proofread your review, ask yourself:

- **Does this review read like a disconnected list of facts OR a cohesive argument?**
- **Does this provide the background knowledge necessary to understand my project?**

- *Am I referring to current research in this topic and referencing studies from journals?*
- *Am I citing all of my sources using APA format?*