

Organizing, Outlining, and Writing a Literature Review

Three Things to Keep in Mind

As you write your literature review, you should keep the following in mind:

- x The goal of your literature review is to locate your project within a research tradition, as well as identify a gap in practice and the research that will help you address that gap. You should read a lot of things. The summaries should be a purpose, and that purpose is to identify that you might address that gap using research and methods (and what have been used before).
- x A good literature review is organized around ideas, not sources that have been studied before, what we know and don't know, what and the methods used to study those topics related to your research.

And Now, A Process: Organizing and Drafting Literature Reviews

First, think about the audience and purpose for your literature review.

- x Audience: Fellow scholars and researchers, same people who
- x Purpose:
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