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Literature reviews are a vital part of a research project or paper, and they are particularly important during graduate school. This handout will focus on defining what a literature review is, how to organize and synthesize information, and what the different parts of a literature review are.
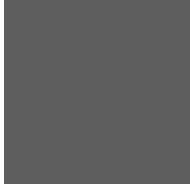
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Citations

Citing your resources is required for all kinds of writing projects. Literature reviews are no exception. Remember that it is important to cite, not only direct quotes, but paraphrased sentences as well. A paraphrased sentence is when a you take a passage from a source and rewrite it in your own words. In addition to citing quotes and paraphrased sentences, remember to maintain only one citation style throughout your literature review; you cannot use more than one citation style in a given paper.

Bias

Read the following sources carefully. Then, in a paragraph that summarizes, synthesizes, and evaluates the information from these two sources, write on the topic of media affecting presidential elections.

Source 1:

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