



How to make a literature research?

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Outcomes

- What is a literature review?
- Choosing your topic
- Collecting material
- Read/skim articles
- How to group articles
- Using citation databases
- Finding support/disagreement



What is a Literature Review?

- A literature review is a list of books and journal articles on a specific topic grouped by theme and evaluated with regard to your research.



Literature Review Details

- The literature review identifies connections, contradictions, and gaps in the literature.
- Connections provide an understanding of academic consensus.
- Contradictions highlight disagreements on the topic.
- Gaps offer opportunities for your own research and highlight areas needing further study.






Purpose of Literature Review


- The literature review is an account of what has been published related to your research objectives.
- It is organized around your research question and subquestions to identify connections, contradictions, and gaps.




How-to Literature Review


 


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Steps of a Literature Review

1. Choose your topic
2. Collect relevant material
3. Read/skim articles
4. Group articles by theme
5. Use citation database
6. Find agreement and disagreement



Step 1: Choose Your Topic

- Work with your supervisor or lecturer to define your topic if you are not assigned one.
- Consult someone familiar with the field to clarify any uncertainties.



Step 2: Collect Relevant Material

- Before searching, think critically about your topic and keywords.
- Combine keywords with search strategies and consider alternative search terms.
- Databases use general or specific terms, so be prepared with alternatives.



Search Strategies

- Create search strategies by combining keywords with advanced search options or operators.
- Tips:
 - - Use 'search help' on databases
 - - Use advanced searches on databases
 - - Consult a librarian on Boolean operators



Step 3: Read/Skim Articles

- Most articles have abstracts that summarize the content.
- Focus on seminal works that convey key academic opinions on the topic.



Step 4: Group Articles by Theme

- Group articles by general opinion or years to identify trends and the development of the topic.
- Consider popularity trends and topic revivals when grouping.



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