

Literature Review Structure

Introduction

- The research question (what is the main question/s you are trying to answer in your dissertation?)
- Define topic/Why this topic?
- Point out overall trends, gaps, themes

Main Body

- discuss your sources
- structure them (by dates, themes, methodologies/methods)
- identify, analyse and evaluate the sources
 - different views
 - emerging topics
 - gaps and inconsistencies

Conclusions

- summarize major contributions
- evaluate your current position
- point out any flaw in methodology/research/contradictions
- are there any gaps in the area which you will cover in your research?
- How will you integrate sources you have mentioned into your dissertation?
- Point out any areas for further study