

## **Literature Review**

### **Prompt**

Write a literature review (lit review) that analyzes and synthesizes the sources that you have summarized in our class plus two or three more sources that you have to find, read, and analyze on your own.

Your lit review should be between 1,200 and 1,400 words excluding the References section, and it should incorporate (that is analyze and synthesize, as well as cite) at least 6 sources, 4 of which must be our class readings that you have summarized so far.

It should include the following parts:

- **Introduction:** This is a paragraph that explains the topic of your lit review, states the purpose of this paper, poses a research question, and states a thesis. The thesis statement makes an argument about the topic based on your interpretation of the sources. This argument should be reasonable; in other words, it should be logical and supportable with evidence.
- **Body sections:** Two or three body sections (each including a heading and at least two well-developed paragraphs) summarize sources and synthesize them with one another as well as with your own analysis. These sections should be organized around the main themes or arguments of the sources. They should support and develop the thesis, so it should be very clear how they relate to the thesis.
- **Conclusion:** This is a paragraph that summarizes the main findings of the literature review and restates the thesis.

The final version of the lit review should be formatted in APA. In addition to the introduction, body, and conclusion, it should include a title page and a References section. It should also apply APA document format and it should follow APA citation conventions.

### **Grading Criteria**

- The Literature Review is 1,500 words, and it integrates 6 sources.
- It includes an effective thesis statement preceded by an introduction.
- The body sections is divided into well-developed paragraphs followed by a brief conclusion.
- The Lit Review is written in clear and well-edited academic English.