**Literature Review Template Example**

**Definition:** A literature review is an objective, critical summary of published research literature relevant to your final project topic. Its aim is to create familiarity with research on a particular topic, and may justify future research into a previously overlooked or understudied area.

A typical literature review consists of the following components:

* 1. **Introduction**
     + A concise ***definition of a topic*** under consideration as well as the **scope** of the related literature being investigated.
     + Overview of the characteristics of the theme (***commonalities, differences, nuances***)
     + States the ***general findings*** of the review (what do *most* of the sources conclude), and comment on the availability of sources in the subject area.
     + The introduction should also note intentional ***exclusions***.
  2. **Main Body**
     + There are many ways to organise the evaluation of the sources.
       - Chronological and thematic approaches.
     + Each relevant study should be critically summarised and evaluated for its ***premise***, ***methodology***, and ***conclusion***. It is as important to address inconsistencies, omissions, and errors, as it is to identify accuracy, depth, and relevance.
     + Use logical connections and ***transition*s** to connect sources.
  3. **Conclusion**
     + The conclusion ***summarises the key findings*** of the review in general terms.
     + This section provides opportunity to ***justify a research/project proposal***. Therefore, the idea should be clearly re-stated and supported according to the findings of the review.
  4. **References**
     + As well as accurate in-text citations, a literature review must contain ***complete and******correct citations for every source*.**