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M1 Professional English, Semester 8

Literature Review - Research task

Links for research task:

Resource 1: **video** <https://libguides.uwf.edu/c.php?g=558154&p=3838836>

Resource 2:<https://uottawa.libguides.com/c.php?g=265046&p=5078668>

**Part A)** **Watch the video called “What is a literature review?**” and answer the following questions. You may need to pause the video to take notes.

1. Definition of a literature review

Critical examination and evaluation of the research on a particular topic

2. How is a literature review similar to a recipe? How is it different?

Not a format of list, it is a synthesized analysis

3. Give two different perspectives that a literature review could take.

Chronological or thematic

4. Why is it important to write literature reviews? Explain using Newton's quote.

To record problems so other people don’t block on the same problems

**Part B)**

**Use Resource link 2 to help you answer the following questions:**

1. What does your professor want in a literature review? List the main ideas here:  
     
   read paper – structured databse search – use search tools – no rephrase – communicate your own perspective
2. The article gives advice for reading and taking notes efficiently. List the main ideas here:  
    keep track of researches – citation manager program – read abstract – see the figure and read the conclusion – annotate the doc
3. What is a concept map or mind map? Why do you think this is important as a part of your work on writing a literature review?

\*note - your mind map for this project is due during the week of 29/03

Relation between the key papers

1. One ***option*** for organizing your ideas in a literature review is to use a synthesis matrix. What is a synthesis matrix?

See the M1 Moodle page for further explanation and examples of literature reviews:

<http://moodle-n7.inp-toulouse.fr/course/view.php?id=2566>