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# Writing a Literature Review: Introduction

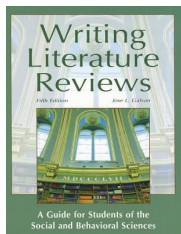


This guide is designed to help students writing a literature review for a Master's level project or paper. It can also be adapted to use with a large research project at other levels.

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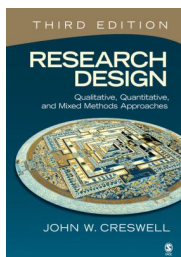
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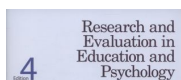
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### What is a Literature Review?

What is a literature review?

- It reviews a collection of published research related to a research question.
- It summarizes, evaluates, describes and/or integrates information on that research question.
- It provides an overview of significant literature published on a topic.

Generally, there are five parts to a literature review.

- Abstract
- Introduction
- Body
- Conclusion
- Bibliography

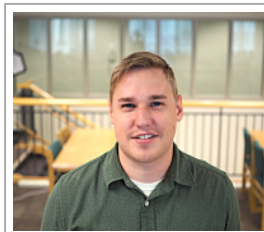
This guide will offer tips and suggestions for writing a literature review. Use the tabs above to learn about each step in the process.

### What is the Value in Writing a Literature Review?

A literature review will help you:

- Identify seminal works and authors in your topic area (i.e. the really important ones!)
- Evaluate the current state of research in your field and identify trends.
- Identify possible gaps in the literature for the topic.
- Give your research a conceptual framework.
- Understand divergent opinions on a topic if it is controversial.
- Demonstrate your understanding of your chosen field.

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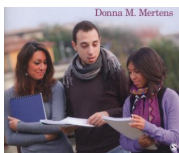
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