**Critical literature review**

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1. structure of literature review: introduction and conclusion
2. how to critique individual texts

**Literature review:**

Lit. rev. seeks to understand and document the current research before carrying out an investigation

Good review: contains relevant studies

Bad review: contains everything

**Introduction and Conclusion:**

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Introduction: state the purpose of the literature review (why are you reviewing)

Conclusion: state the clarity gained from your literature review.

Example

“This introduction will review the relevant areas of the economic literature to find a suitable theoretical framework to use for this project”

…

“In conclusion, this review identified the most appropriate framework to analyze the interview of the management consultants is Thornloe’s (2010) framework of planned behaviour”

**Four approaches:**

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1. To asses the suitability of a specific concept/theory/model to use for your research (interrogating a specific approach)
2. To assess a variety of concepts/theories/models to use for your research
3. To find a methodological approach to use for your research
4. To review the development of a subject area in order to situate your research

Templates: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kKiSs86xsSaMxqe4r8ezJnNu_kyOPMrf/view>

**1- Assess the suitability of one theory/concept/framework/model**

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Using a theory but don’t critique it = lower grade. You need to acknowledge the limitations of your model/theory/concept/framework (simplification of reality, etc.)

Only using one perspective among many different perspectives. Acknowledge this.

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**2- Assess a variety of theories/concepts/frameworks/models to find which is most suitable for your research**

* evaluate advantages of each model
* evaluate disadvantages of each model

what was the development of the framework?

what does the literature say about this framework?

what does the literature say about the problems of this framework?

how has this framework been used in the literature?

is this framework suitable for your study. If yes, explain why – if no, explain why not.

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**3- To find a methodological approach to use for your research**

Review the literature in the research area to find what methodology will work for your project according to your aims:

1. literature on trading strategies
2. literature on relationships of gold with economic indicators

**4- To review the development of a subject area in order to situate your research**

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Discourse: The socially constructed nature of our world through language, gesture etc.