

write a research report will become an important core skill as part of your academic journey. A crucial component of the report is the literature review, which poses a challenge as it requires good background research and analysis. This infographic will aid you in understanding and writing an effective literature review.



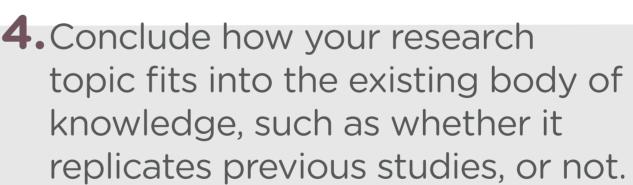
The literature review serves as a critical review of published information on a topic by other researchers, including the research methodology used and the findings. It expands your knowledge about the topic, and provides a solid background for your research.

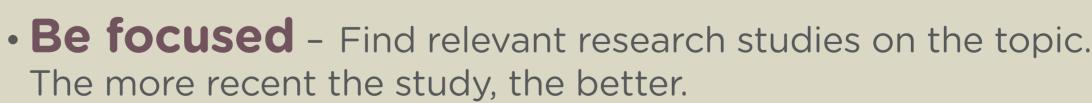


You can include the literature review as part of the Introduction section, or in a separate section on its own. Either way it must come before your actual research sections.

HOW TO ORGANIZE YOUR REVIEW

- 1. State the focus or central theme of your review. Include information that other researchers have written.
- 2. Identify the strengths and weaknesses of previous research. Highlight the important ones to determine what to focus on in your research.
- **3.** Identify areas of controversy or opposing viewpoints about the research topic.
- 4. Conclude how your research knowledge, such as whether it



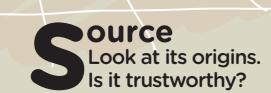


- Summarise and synthesize Highlight and discuss how the findings, strengths and weaknesses of the research studies relate to yours
- Use in-text citation Indicate the sources you quoted from or referred to (e.g. MLA or APA citation styles)

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1. Introduction

1.2 Literature Review



