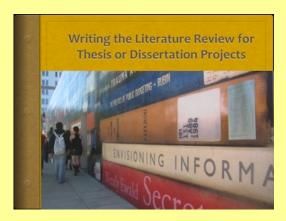
# Writing the Literature Review Part 4



Your turn now! Synthesis City!

## **Activity 1: Starting to Create Synthesis**

Contrast	Similarity
In contrast	In addition
Despite / In spite of	Similarly,
However	As in , also
Though	Also
Still	Moreover
Nevertheless	Further
Nonetheless	Analogous
Conversely	Parallel
In contrast to	Comparable
On the other hand	Like
Whereas	Including
Not only	Equally
Yet	Likewise

Write 10 sentences using these words to create connections between the ideas in your sources.

### **Activity 2:**

# Narrating the relationship between your work and the literature My results exemplify the idea that [insert theory or idea] because\_\_\_\_. The results of this project illustrates X's concept that\_\_\_ in the sense that\_\_\_. My project asks whether\_\_\_. X's theory of \_\_\_\_ is applicable to \_\_\_. X's theory of \_\_\_\_ speaks to my hypothesis that\_\_\_. X's idea that \_\_\_ cannot explain\_\_\_. My finding that \_\_\_ suggests that X is right in claiming

Fill out each sentence to fit your project. This will help you start to think about the specific fit between the ideas in the literature and your project.

## Activity 3:

## What to Evaluate in the Literature

- Applicability of the literature to your project
- Methodology
- Strength of argument
- Strength / persuasiveness of data and analysis
- Overall influence of the work in the field

Not all literature reviews ask you to evaluate the literature, but if yours does, here are some appropriate things to evaluate. Use the words on this slide to make sure that you are using appropriate evaluative language (rather than opinion-based or editorial language).

Opinion Language	Evaluative Language
	Useful
Like / Dislike	Applicable
Feel that	Impressive / Unimpressive
Great, Cool, Wonderful	Lacking in
Awful, Bad, Terrible	Significant
Useless	Important
Forgettable	Seminal
Insignificant	Sound / Unsound
Pitch-perfect	Persuasive
Perfect	Suspect
Trivial	Definitive, Foundational
Nice	Elegant
Should	Valuable
Must	Credible
Ought to	Flawed

## **Activity 4: Signposting**

	Narrative Sentences
	Signposting
	This chapter reviews the relevant literature on beginning with, moving on to, and concluding with
	Topic / Synthesis statements
	• While most of the studies on [topic], a few of them
•	Conclusion / Implication statement
,	What a review of the literature suggests is that

Write an "intro" to each section of your literature, using topic sentences and signposting that explains what you will do in that section. If you have mostly done the literature review, write a few conclusion sentences as well.