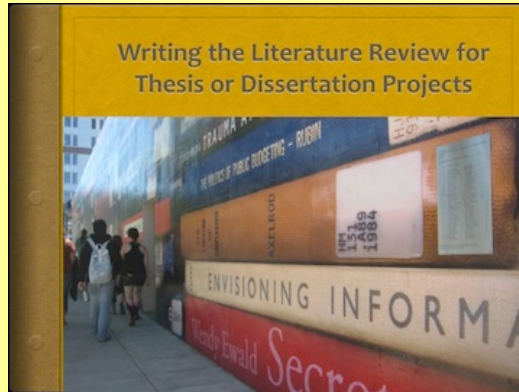


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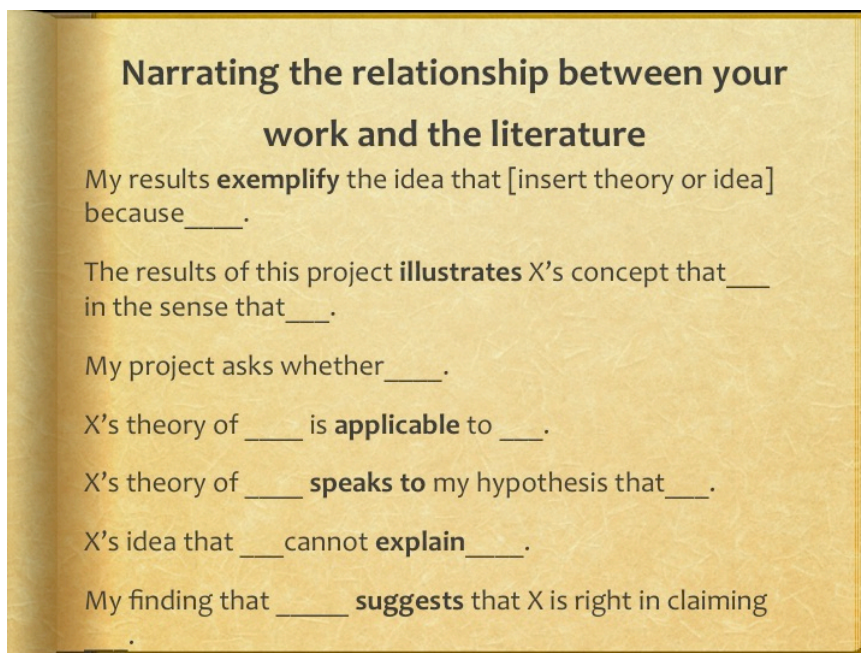


Your turn now!
Synthesis City!

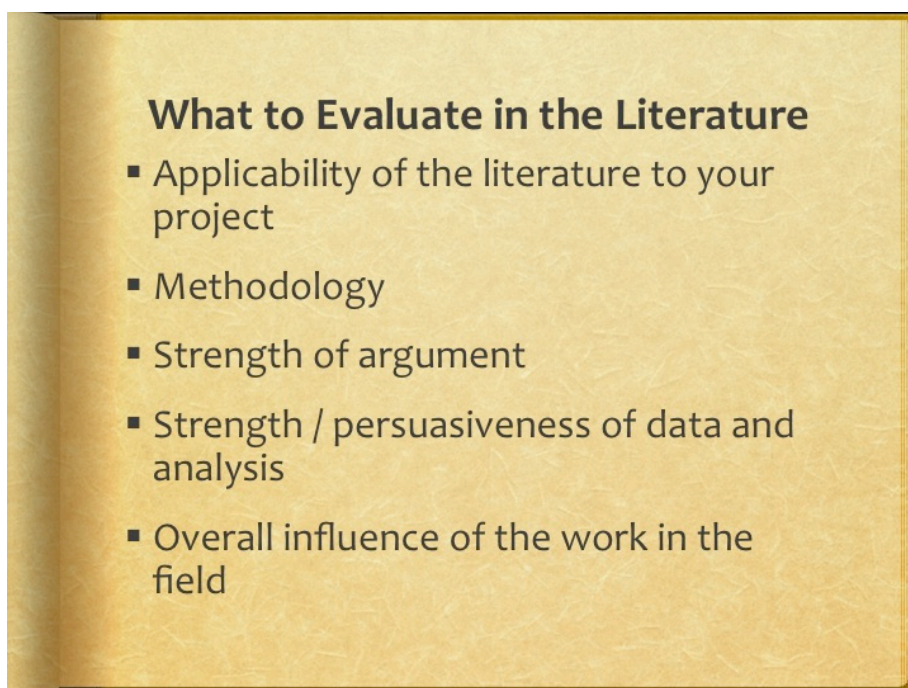
Activity 1: Starting to Create Synthesis

Words that Create Relationships	
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:

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:

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).

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