

DPELFS *Web Quest Series* Quest #1 - Literature Review

Literature Reviews: An Overview for Graduate Students

<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/tutorials/lit-review/>

This ten-minute tutorial from North Carolina State University (NCSU) Libraries explains what a literature review is, its purpose, and how to write one.

Conducting a Literature Review in Education and the Behavioral Sciences

<http://libraries.adelphi.edu/research/tutorials/EdLitReview/content/>

This series of tutorials from the Libraries of Adelphi University includes four modules on understanding the literature review, identifying sources for the literature review, finding review and research articles, and putting it all together for your own literature review, accompanied by short quizzes.

How to Write a Literature Review

Part 1 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xuJr0TVXy0o> (9:59 minutes)

Part 2 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBn1w3rnvxc> (9:26 minutes)

Part 3 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgjJBDGXAuQ> (5:38 minutes)

These three YouTube videos by Patrick McMahon feature lectures with PowerPoint slides that define, discuss, and demonstrate how to write a literature review.

Literature Reviews

<http://writingcenter.unc.edu/handouts/literature-reviews/>

This handout created by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Writing Center explains what literature reviews are and offer insights into the form and construction of literature reviews.

Literature Review Guide

<http://www.wesleyan.edu/libr/guides/litrev/index.html>

This general guide to writing a literature review from the Olin Library at Wesleyan University provides a comprehensive overview of how to structure the review of literature process: from finding the literature to evaluating your sources and to writing a review.

How to Write a Literature Review

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<http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/ReviewofLiterature.html>

The Writing Center at the University of Wisconsin, Madison provides help on writing introduction, body and conclusion of a literature review.

Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL)

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/4/>

This page looks at the subject specific writing: from social sciences to medical writing.

How to Write a Thesis (Bachelor, Master, or PhD) and Which Software Tools to Use

<http://sciplore.org/2010/how-to-write-a-phd-thesis/>

SciPlore.org provides free tutorials and a video of SciPlore MindMapping software tool for a literature review. It explains how mind maps, PDF readers and reference managers can be used to manage your literature (see first part of the tutorial). Note: it won't write a literature review for you.

Henry Madden Library Resources

Literature Review

<http://libguides.csufresno.edu/literaturereview>

Ross LaBaugh and Jane Magee in their PowerPoint presentation provide step-by-step guidance on how to conduct a literature review.

Books

Booth, W., Colomb, G., & Williams, J. (2008). *The Craft of Research*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Q180.55.M4 B66

Cooper, H., & Cooper, H. (1998). *Synthesizing Research: A Guide for Literature Reviews*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. H62 .C5859

Fink, A. (2010). *Conducting Research Literature Reviews: From the Internet to Paper*. Los Angeles: Sage. Q180.55.M4 F56

Hart, C. (1998). *Doing a Literature Review: Releasing the Social Science Research Imagination*. Sage. H62 .H2566

Lester, J.D., & Lester, J.D., Jr. (2009). *Writing Research Papers: A Complete Guide* (13th ed.). New York: Longman. LB2369 .L4

Lunenburg, F., & Irby, B. (2008). *Writing a Successful Thesis or Dissertation: Tips and Strategies for Students in the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press. LB2369 .L814

Ridley, D. (2012). *The Literature Review: A Step-by-step Guide for Students*. Los Angeles: Sage. LB2369 .R525

Swales, J. M., & Feak, C. B. (2004). *Academic Writing for Graduate Students: Essential Tasks and Skills*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. PE1408 .S7836

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