



Literature Review Quiz

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A successful literature review:

- Synthesizes material from several sources on the same question/research topic.
- Assesses the state of existing knowledge on a topic by comparing studies in terms of assumptions about the research question, experimental method, data analysis, any conclusions drawn, and to raise questions for further research.
- Both a and b.

The research checklist includes all of the following questions except which one?

- Do you have relevant sources?
- Are your sources from scholarly academic journals or books?
- Can you offer justification for using popular sources?
- Do you have enough paper to print your final project?

Matching. Draw a line and match each phase with the corresponding steps. Phases will be used more than once.

Description, Analysis, and Evaluation	Analyze each source in terms of <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> Rhetorical context<input type="radio"/> Issues<input type="radio"/> Thesis<input type="radio"/> Arguments<input type="radio"/> Response
Synthesize and Organize	Organize your comparisons in <i>logical</i> order. Have you found the <u>bases of comparison</u> by examining: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> Point of view<input type="radio"/> Definition of terms<input type="radio"/> Common ground<input type="radio"/> Factors studied<input type="radio"/> Issues that divide
Prewrite Checklist	Construct an outline by writing <u>full sentences</u> to describe the significance or effect of the comparisons. Briefly (in 1-2 sentences) describe the significance of each source
The introduction should:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Engage the reader in your topicState the issue (research question)Progressively narrow topic to specific lines of researchState the thesis that expresses your assessment of the state of knowledge on the issueAll of the Above
The body should:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Describe and evaluate each study/sourceContain meaningful headings/sub-headings that organize the paperContain paragraphs that compare/contrast important factorsAll of the above
The conclusion should:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Evaluate and summarize what researchers have shownShow strengths and weaknessesProvide questions for further studyAll of the above.