

Literature Review Checklist

- ☐ Is your literature review clearly structured?
- ☐ Are you clear about which approach is being used in the review?
- ☐ Do you use headings or paragraph breaks to show distinctions in the groups of texts being reviewed?
- ☐ Do you use transitions and summaries to move from one text or set of texts to the next?
- ☐ Do you explain why texts are being reviewed by drawing a clear connection to your topic?
- ☐ Do you discuss research methods used to study this topic and/or related topics?
- ☐ Do you cover all the important areas of research related to your topic?
- ☐ Do you make clear which of the studies described are most important?
- ☐ Does your review mention flaws, gaps, or shortcomings of specific texts or groups of texts?
- ☐ Do you point out areas that have not yet been researched or have not yet been researched sufficiently?
- ☐ Does the review demonstrate a change over time or recent developments that make your research relevant now?
- ☐ Do you clearly state why your research is necessary?