

Assignment 6. 30% Literature review.

Write a literature review for a possible/potential educational research project, maximum six pages in length. In addition, provide a literature map (exemplars pp. 137-8). *Note: It's fine if the map is created by hand.*

For this assignment, please construct a study-by study review, *not* a thematic review (see p. 140).

N.B. Ensure the articles are reports of original empirical (quantitative or qualitative) research and not theoretical/conceptual discussions or literature reviews.

Process:

- Describe 4-5 research articles in detail
- Include in the description of each study: research purpose and/or questions, research design, data collection & analysis, summary of results, your comments (probably one paragraph for each study).
- Link study summaries using transitional sentences and explain how the studies relate to each other.
- Introduce the literature review by introducing the topic and explaining why it is important (citing research and non-research literature may be useful here), and close with a summary of the reviewed studies.
- It may be appropriate to organize study descriptions under subheadings (even if it is only one or two study descriptions per heading).

Use APA formatting throughout. Use the example paper at the end of the textbook (pp. 481-486) as an exemplar for formatting, e.g., level headings, etc. *For info specifically about APA headings see p. 139.*

Assessment Rubric

Total /30:

Completeness (6 marks)

All is in place: map, 4-5 **research** articles summarized, intro, closing summary, transitions, reference list

6 Superb	5 Very good	4 OK	3 Problematic	2 Very problematic	1 Unacceptable
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Content: (12 marks)

Description of studies (clear, easy-to-understand, all necessary info is there, extraneous info is *not* there, demonstrates understanding of the research articles)

12 11 Exceptional	10 9 Very good	8 7 Adequate	6 5 Problematic	4 3 Very problematic	2 1 Unacceptable
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Writing: (4 marks)

Well organized, logical, elegant, and free of errors (grammar, spelling, word use, etc.)

4 Exceptional - Very good	3 Good - Adequate	2 Problematic - Very problematic	1 Unacceptable
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Use of APA throughout assignment: (4 marks) citations, spacing, headings, block quotations, etc.

4 no mistakes	3 1 or 2 mistakes	2 a few mistakes	1 a lot of mistakes
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Use of APA in reference list: (4 marks)

4 no mistakes	3 1 or 2 mistakes	2 a few mistakes	1 a lot of mistakes
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