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Format of your Literature Review

1. **Format for a literature review**

A literature review follows an essay format (Introduction, Body, Conclusion), but the literature itself is the topic of the essay i.e. your essay will need to consider the literature in terms of the key topics/themes/methods you are examining. DO NOT confuse your essay format with an annotated bibliography which describes and evaluates individual texts.

**Introduction**

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| * Topic sentence that states the broad topic of your research interests. * Following sentence/s that states why you are interested in the topic and why it is important and interesting. * Final sentence/s list and summarizes the key topics that will be needed from the literature to discuss the selected sources that you found. For example basic biology of the organism or concepts being investigated. Methods that have been used by others to conduct the study that you are interested in. The findings of others that related to your research |
| **Body**  **Synthesize** and summarize the literature that you have read into three main parts (three headings below). You do not need to directly address your project but must explore what others have done that you think will relate to your future work.   1. Basic Biology or Concepts 2. Methods Used 3. Results and Discussion from the Literature |
| **Conclusion** |

Tie your paper together and conclude what you want to find out, the reason, how you will go about it and why this study is important.

**References**

\*\*\* Proper internal APA formatted citations as well as reference section

\*\*\*up to 20 pages double spaced, not included references