



## Writing... a literature review

Like all academic writing, a literature review must have an introduction, body, and conclusion.

The **introduction** should include:

- the nature of the topic under discussion (the topic of your project, dissertation or thesis)
- the parameters of the topic (what does it include and exclude).
- the basis for your selection of the literature.

The **body** should include:

- an analysis of the literature according to a number of themes or topics that overlap with your research.
- provide insight into the relation between your chosen topic and the wider subject area.
- move from a general, wider view of the literature being reviewed to the specific focus of your research.

The **conclusion** should include:

- summarise the important aspects of the existing body of literature.
- evaluate the current state of the literature reviewed.
- identify gaps in existing knowledge.
- outline areas for future study; investigation; expansion.
- link your research to existing knowledge.

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