

Literature Review

What literature review is

NOT summary of individual sources, but overview of what previous studies have done and what have not.

- What previous studies have uncovered and what have not.
- On which particular area previous studies have worked and have not.
- To what extent previous studies have done and how sufficient it is.
- How your study is contribute to previous studies or particular research area as a whole
- Could your study make any points that previous study have not or only insufficiently covered.

Why literature review is necessary

To provide a solid background for a research paper's investigation

To develop and clarify your originality and contribution

Goal of Literature Review

To identify why and how your work is necessary and sufficient to compare with previous literature (how superior your work is).

How to identity necessary literatures

Author, Title, Date, Bibliography, Abstract

Use academic resources

Kyushu University Library

<http://www.lib.kyushu-u.ac.jp/?skinid=7>

Research Support

<http://www.lib.kyushu-u.ac.jp/support/linq.html?skinid=9>

Google Scholar

<http://scholar.google.com/>

Encyclopedia.com

<http://www.encyclopedia.com/>

A weekly Assignment: Focused literature review

Choose three to five important or rival literatures that covers similar and related field with your work (books, book chapters, journal articles).

1. Make brief summary (more or less 300 words each)
2. Clarify Why and how your approaches, if any, are distinguished from them (more or less 200 words)
3. The total length should be 1,500 – 2,500 words.

Deadline: 8 of December 12:00 AM