**Literature Review Worksheet**

The below worksheet is intended to provide some directions to get you started with your literature review. Tweak and add categories as you see fit.

My Topic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What are some important sub-topics?

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Search plan (Databases and search engines to be used): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Citation Management Plan: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who are some of the key authors in my field?

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Key sources: Works to be read, analyzed and cited

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What are the main points/arguments of my sources? How did they arrive at these arguments (methods)? How are these points supported? Remember to take notes on the 5W1H(Why, what, who, when, where and how)

**SOURCE #1(5W1H)**

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Is there anything that you would criticize about this source/research/theory?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**SOURCE #2 (main points, 5W1H)**

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Is there anything that you would criticize about this source/research/theory?

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**SOURCE #3 (main points, 5W1H)**

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Is there anything that you would criticize about this source/research/theory?

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**Synthesis**

Which sources are similar? What are the areas of similarity?

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**Differences**

What are the main contentions (arguments, findings, methodology etc.) between the sources?

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**Overall Assessment**

Overall summary of the literature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Is there anything missing from the existing literature (gaps): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Why is the topic of this literature review important and/or what should be the next step of this study? (Think of this as a way to justify your research)

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