

Structure of a Review Paper

TITLE: Create a clear and concise title that allows readers to get a gist of the focus of your article. Consider adding 1-2 keywords in your title to enhance chances of search engine discoverability

Abstract

The abstract is a self-contained summary of your review. The abstract should include what motivated the research focus, a thesis statement, descriptive statements regarding the types of literature that are used in the review, a simple summary statement of the findings from the review, and a conclusion statement.

Keywords: Identify three to five keywords associated with this article (*tip: use nouns*).

The abstract should be one paragraph (100-300 words).

Introduction

Introduce readers to the context necessary to understand the focus and purpose of the review. Explain the research that already exists in this area with citations (generally no older than 5 years) to then lead readers to the gap that exists. Identify the purpose for reviewing the literature you have chosen. Identify the criteria you used to analyze the literature and the way in which your review is organized. (Remember that the introduction incorporates general information; the body of the work is where you get into the details).

Discussion

Here you want to analyze, synthesize and interpret the information from your reliable sources and make connections regarding your topic. You want to make the relevance and significance of the information found clear for the readers. (Note: A literature review is **not** a summary, **nor** should it include your personal opinions).

You may choose to organize your review in three ways:

1. Chronological – organize according to when an event occurred (this could be publications or trends, etc.)
2. Thematic – organize according to a theme or the content
3. Methodical – organize according to methods of research used by authors you are referencing

Recommendations

Based on your findings, you may wish to offer suggestions for future research that would build upon your findings.

Conclusion

Synthesize key points (generally, no more than one to two paragraphs). Explain to readers here why your findings should matter. (*Please note:* do **not** repeat what was discussed in the discussion section, but state in clear, simple language why your research should matter).

Acknowledgement

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You may include this should you wish to acknowledge certain individuals who contributed to this article or if you have conflicts of interest to disclose.

References

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