

Your Quick Guide to Literature Reviews



1. Online guidance at bit.ly/LitReviewChico
2. Use what you know about
 - Reading Journal Articles to get to the info you need
 - Source Synthesis(Visit libguides.unco.edu/bridgethegap for these)

3. The Lit Review Formula:

- A. One idea per sentence
- B. Collect sources that share an idea into one parenthetical citation
- C. Insert your analysis to make fuzzy connections between ideas more clear
- D. Use C. to create logical stepping stones:

To what understanding do you want to lead your reader?

4. A Sample Paragraph:

Topic sentence - identifies five major themes as the scope of this review

Many theories have been proposed to explain what motivates human behaviour. **Although the literature covers a wide variety of such theories, this review will focus on five major themes which emerge repeatedly throughout the literature reviewed.** These themes are: incorporation of the **self-concept** into traditional theories of motivation, the influence of **rewards** on motivation, the increasing importance of **internal forces** of motivation, **autonomy and self-control** as sources of motivation, and **narcissism** as an essential component of motivation. Although the literature presents these themes in a variety of contexts, this paper will primarily focus on their application to self-motivation.

5 major themes to be covered

Concluding sentence - specific focus

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5. For help with APA in-text citations visit <https://guides.lib.ua.edu/APA7/intextcitations>



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