

Annotated Bibliography to Literature Review

To be successful in passing major benchmarks (Comps/Quals, Proposal, Dissertation) you need to develop a “data bank” of knowledge in your topic areas of interest/emerging expertise, as well as on the methodological approach(es) you intend to use to study those topic areas. To accomplish this task, create an annotated bibliography on every reading you do (the APA citation with a one paragraph summary of the reading below it).

To turn an annotated bibliography into a literature review:

- 1) Add a brief second paragraph under each annotation in which you provide an original analysis (not review) of the reading—what you thought about the reading and why.
- 2) Rearrange each annotation and analysis coupling (keep the two paragraphs on each source together, but rearrange them) to "tell a story" - it could be a single chronological story (from earliest to most recent, most recent to earliest, etc.), or several topic grouping stories (those that focus on related sub-themes within the larger topic theme) - basically, find a way to organize all the annotation-analysis couplings that makes intellectual sense, rather than just being in alpha order.
- 3) Remove the APA source citation preceding each of the annotation/analysis paragraph couplings (and the lines you have separating them as well) and put these source citations onto a references page (in alpha order), and then...
- 4) Massage, augment, edit the story(ies) you tell in #2 above, so that, together, they now blend, weave, flow into coherent narrative, essentially a short, mini-literature review - you can use subheadings if you need to communicate different topic grouping "themes" but you do not need to do this, do what makes sense to you, and then...
- 5) Combine #3 and #4 above, add an abstract and cover page.