1.0. Identify a problem or potential problem area, or an area for analysis and intervention.

2.0. Examine real world problems that are significant within education.

3.0. Locate current research relating to a selected problem.

4.0. Compose an action research proposal.

**Section 3:**

Once you have selected a topic of interest that has significance to the field of education and identified the problem, you will need to conduct a literature review to see what scholars on the subject have done. A scholarly literature review should be all-encompassing and provide a foundation to support your work. In this section, you will conduct a literature review on your topic.

**Week 4:**

This week, you will conduct a literature review for you study. Please keep in mind that you want to include only empirical literature – articles in which the author is reporting about a study he/she conducted. As you find articles you wish to include in your review, you might consider annotating them. An annotation should include the article reference (in APA format), a summary of the article (including the purpose of the study, the research questions, a little about the methodology, and the findings), and a critique (the limitations of the research, how this article relates to your study). If you annotate completely as you go, you can use the content from your annotations to craft your literature review.

**All resources for this week:**

**Article/Journal**

Bloomberg, L. D., & Volpe, M. (2008). Chapter 2: Developing and presenting the literature review Los Angeles, Calif In Completing your qualitative dissertation: A roadmap from beginning to end. <http://methods.sagepub.com.proxy1.ncu.edu/book/completing-your-qualitative-dissertation/n2.xml>   
Read Article

Notar, C.E., & Cole, V. (2010). Literature review organizer. <http://www.macrothink.org/journal/index.php/ije/article/view/319/368>   
Read Article

Walliman, N. (2006). Writing a literature review. In Social research methods. <http://dx.doi.org.proxy1.ncu.edu/10.4135/9781849209939.n19>   
Read Article

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Complete Literature Review Section

Instructions

For this assignment, you will complete the literature review section of your action research project. Follow these steps to complete this assignment:

* Review 15-18 scholarly sources on your topic.
* Summarize them as indicated in the Pre-Activity. If you have annotated the articles as you found them, this step may be completed already.
* Be sure that your literature reviews flows logically; it should not read as a list of article summaries (author A studied this, author B studied this…). This should be a synthesized document – use the suggestions provided in the Notar and Cole article to help you organize.
* Use headings to separate sections. This helps make the organization of your literature review apparent to the reader.
* Check to ensure that you are complying with all APA requirements for in-text citations and references.

Length: 5-7 pages not including title and reference pages  
References: A minimum of 10 scholarly resources  
  
Your review should demonstrate thoughtful consideration of the ideas and concepts that are presented in the course and provide new thoughts and insights relating directly to this topic. Your paper should reflect scholarly writing and current [APA standards](http://www.apastyle.org/learn/index.aspx).