

Writing Literature Reviews

Meeting 1 – Analysis and Process

1. Share ideas and refine our understanding of the Literature Review.
2. Talk a bit about the process of doing a Literature Review, especially “How to Read for a Literature Review.”
3. Look at sample material as an example of how to read and take notes.
4. As a group, find gaps in sample literature and where Shane might locate a project of his own.
5. Talk about “How to Outline and Draft a Literature Review.”
6. In small groups, use sample reading grids to organize a sample Lit Review on Shane’s topic.
7. Share our outlines of possible Lit Reviews.
8. Distill a set of tips for doing a Lit Review.

Meeting 2 – Feedback on First Outline Drafts

1. Feedback day. Draft for me, two reads from your colleagues.
2. Talk about drafts. What is going well, what needs work, in a general sense.
3. Distill tips and strategies for expanding and revising your Lit Review.

Meeting 3 – Feedback on Second Drafts

1. Individual feedback on Literature Review Drafts.

Scheduled Meeting Dates

Meeting 1: February 8

Meeting 2: April 11

Meeting 3: May 7 – May 13

All handouts are available on the SJSU Writing Across the Curriculum website:
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Please feel free to email me any time with questions:

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