**Literature Review**

**What is a Literature Review?** *A literature review discusses published information in a particular subject area, and sometimes information in a particular subject area within a certain time period. A literature review usually has an organizational pattern and combines both summary and synthesis. A summary is a recap of the important information from a source such as an article or book, but a synthesis is a personalized re-organization of that information. It might give a new interpretation of old material or combine new with old interpretations. Or it might trace the intellectual progression of the field, including major debates. And depending on the situation, the literature review may evaluate the sources and advise the reader on the most pertinent or relevant aspects of a particular topic.*

**Instructions**: Develop a review of literature using your annotated bibliography and research interest statement as a guide. Use the following format as inspiration:

**Title Page** (1 pg.) – Title of Literature Review, Name, Institution (Pratt)

**Introduction** (1-2 pgs.)

* Describe your research question or focus
* Provide an overview of the field or topic you’re exploring including some background and historical information

**Topic/Theme 1: XXXX** (1-3 pgs.)

* Explore one of several themes located in the texts you’ve selected and annotated in previous assignments.
* Provide the reader with both a theoretical and practical overview of what the authors of these texts are exploring in their own work and how this connects to your own research interest.
* Offer examples and personal responses to each topic explored.

**Topic/Theme 2: XXXX** (1-3 pgs.)

**Topic/Theme 3: XXXX** (1-3 pgs.)

**Topic/Theme 4: XXXX** (1-3 pgs.)

**Conclusion** (1-2 pgs.)

* Develop a brief conclusion that brings together some of the major ideas, concepts and stories described throughout your literature review.
* Identify any gaps or limitations in the research that you noted.
* Express your ideas for using this body of research in future scholarly projects. (ie. thesis)

**References**

Provide a list of references using APA Style. (APA Guide: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>)