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# Assignment #2

# Formal Literature Review Search

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**Research Topic**

[Introduce and state your problem in a few concise statements or questions.]

[Identify the searchable key words and social science domains suggested by your problem statement.]

**Library Catalogue Search**

[Conduct a search in the TWU library or any other library accessible to you. If you are not near a library, be sure to search for e-books that may be held. A significant collection of e-books can be accessed through the TWU library subscription to Academic Search Premier e-book and academic e-book collections. Briefly describe your experiences in the library search, what worked well, what did not].

The results of the TWU and personal library search are summarized in Table 1. [Note: If you are unfamiliar with this, you may add fields by clicking your cursor in a field in the bottom row, then clicking on the “Layout” tab that appears at the top of the page, and then clicking on the appropriate insert button.]

# Table 1

# *Library Catalogue Search*

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| *Search words* | *# of hits* | *Titles and authors of usable results* | *Comments (including general source, foundational source, etc.)* |
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**Academic Databases Search**

The two databases that I choose to search were:

* [full name of database]; and
* [full name of database]

The search terms that I have decided on are:

* xxx
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[In a few sentences document the process you have followed. Describe in a paragraph how you chose the particular articles you did (that is, what inclusion and exclusion criteria did you utilize).]

The results are documented in Table 2.

# Table 2

# *Articles from Academic Databases Relevant to Topic*

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| *Database* | *Search Words* | *Author/Article Title/Date* | *From the abstract, why might this be relevant? (very briefly)* |
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**Internet Search**

[Next, move into the literature available on the internet by conducting a search using a search engine such as *Google* or *Google Scholar.* Briefly describe how you found the first website/document, and why or why not what you found there was helpful.]

[Briefly describe how you found the second website/document, and why or why not what you found there was helpful.]

[Briefly describe how you found the third website/document, and why or why not what you found there was helpful.]

[Be sure to add the results of this search, including URL’s to your reference list. Conclude this section with a sentence introducing Table 3.]

Table 3

*Internet Search Results*

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| *Search*  *engine/*  *Database* | *Search words* | *# of*  *hits* | *Results (including URL’s)* | *Comments/Assessment of relevance* |
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**Preliminary Investigation Summary**

[On the basis of your personal knowledge as well as your investigation of the literature, provide a brief statement of your topic in general terms, three paragraphs maximum. Include appropriate reference citations, and include references in the reference list.]

[On the basis of your personal knowledge as well as your investigation of the literature, provide a brief discussion of the major questions or issues related to this topic that are being investigated.]

# [Provide a brief statement outlining your interest in this topic as a researcher, three paragraphs maximum. Include the questions that you want to apply to the literature.]

[In essence, you are presenting a *working knowledge summary* of your topic (the basic facts required to make someone familiar with the topic to a limited extent) *based on what you have discovered about the topic from your own experiences and from the reference sources*. You will want to *superficially* describe the relevant issues subsumed in your problem statement, including the urgency, the controversies, and anything else that will convince your reader that your problem statement is worthwhile pursuing.]

References

[List all references in APA 6 format. Be sure to include the books and journal articles that you identified in Tables 1, 2 and any relevant documents you identified in Table 3.]