<u>Grading Template for Literature Review</u>
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1. <u>Introduction</u> Is the question/thesis clearly identified in the introduction? Is there a clear approach given to how the author will treat the topic, and the scope and importance of the question? Is the question feasible to answer and does the author show how he/she will answer it?

2. <u>Organization</u> Is there a clear set of subtitles indicating a chain of logic in regard to how the author is approaching the question? Does the chain of logic lead to a clear conclusion that presents a cumulative argument by the author on how to view the topic?

Is the literature review organized by schools of thought that seem to cover all the logical ways and paradigms to examine the problem?

Is there an overview of what data are available in regard to the question along with some preliminary data analysis?

3. <u>Research</u> Does the document demonstrate a command of the literature? Does there seem to be an adequate sample of both classic/theoretical and empirical/current perspectives on the problem? Is the author able to compare and contrast the schools of thought, but also bring out nuances in the ways authors within and across them understand the issue? Does the author signal the bases of the differences in terms of overall logic, assumptions, case studies, or other reasons? Does the author explain why the differences have lasted, eg lack of information to settle the issue?

4. <u>Original Perspective</u> Does the author organize the literature review around their own perspective? Does the author's treatment of the literature seem fair but still leading to a particular conclusion? Does the author support a paradigm, create a hybrid, or suggest an original perspective? Is their argument in regard to this convincing?

5. <u>Writing</u> Is the formatting professional and easy to read? Is the document well-written and edited? Is there a clear coherence and flow to each part? Is the language concise and clear? Do they use tables, graphs or illustrations to elucidate their argument?

6. <u>Other</u>