

How to Develop a Successful Rigorous Literature Review

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Whether practitioner or theoretical based or both, the goal is to conduct an exhaustive literature review using every major database available including:

- The Elton B. Stephenson Company (EBSCO) Database
- ProQuest Digital Dissertations & Theses
- Education Resources Information Center (ERIC) <https://eric.ed.gov/>
- Google Scholar <https://scholar.google.com/>

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Your number one priority is to find the most recent study that examines either a similar set of questions, sample, or population and/or uses the same research instrument.





- Newspapers and magazines are not





- Griggs, R. A., Proctor, D. L., & Cook, S. M. (2004). The most frequently cited books in introductory texts. *Teaching of Psychology*, 31 (2), 113-116.
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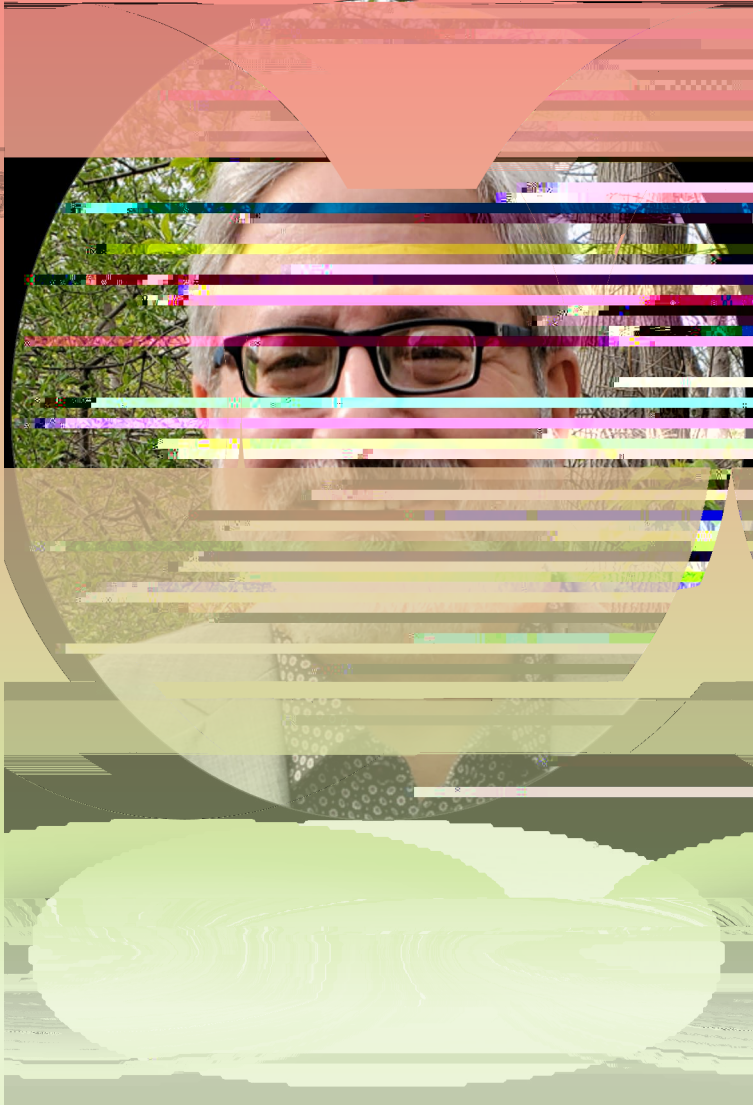
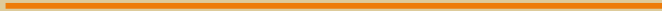
- Title Searches
- First Historical Topic
Most Prominent Subtopic
- Second Historical Topic
Most Prominent Subtopic
- Third Historical Topic
Most Prominent Subtopic
- Conclusion
- Summary
- Always wrap up and tie to
springboard study leading into
Chapter 3: Research Method

- A paragraph begins OR ends with a new thought or time period.
- An academic paragraph must have a minimum of three sentences and would typically be no more than six.
- Include a mix of paraphrases and quotes. Use quotes to denote key concepts, definitions, and statistical findings.
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