

Literature Review Process

Preparation

- What is your topic?
- What resources do you have?
- How will you keep track of your research?

Retrieval

- Brainstorm search terms
- Use filters to narrow
- Keep a record of searches you've tried

Appraisal

- Skim the articles you're finding
- Do they look relevant?
- Do they meet your criteria?

Synthesis

- Read and take notes
- Notice any themes emerging across sources
- Pay attention to what other articles are cited

Write-up

- Consider audience: format, length, tone
- Can group articles by theme
- Include analysis/critique

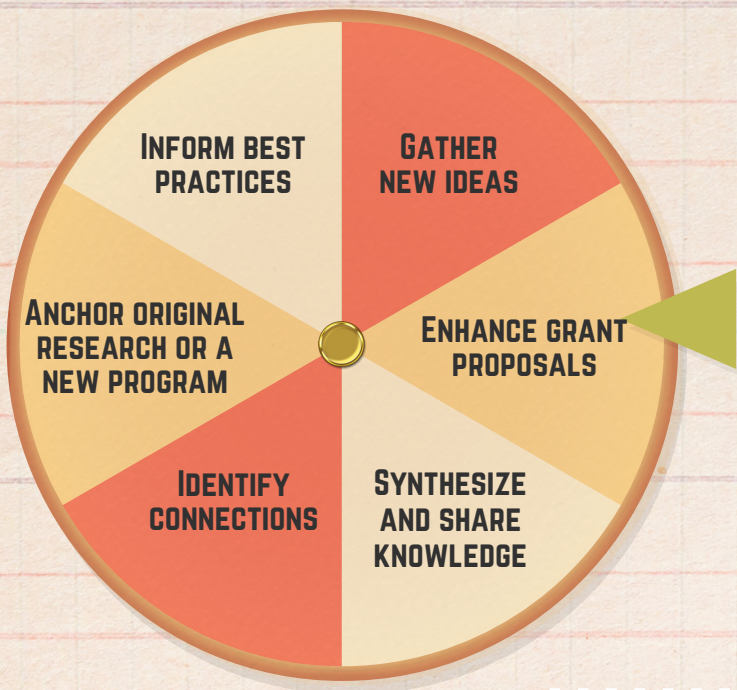
Sharing

- How to reach your target audience?
- Are there others who might be interested?
- What are the best avenues to share?

Future

- Document your work along the way so your process can be replicated
- Make sure your work is safely stored so it can be accessed later

What could a literature review do for you?



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