

***IN GOD WE TRUST***

***Literature Review***

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# Literature Review

- *What is “Literature Review “ ?*
- *Why is “Literature Review “ important?*
- *How to make a “Literature Review “ ?*

## What is “ Literature “ ?

*“ All the works you consult to understand and investigate your research problem ”*

# Why “Literature Review “ ?

- ✓ *Better understanding of the problem*
- ✓ *Other similar works*
- ✓ *Different methodologies*
- ✓ *May find a good pattern*
- ✓ *Avoid redundancy*

## A Good “Literature Review “

- *Comprehensive*
- *Both agreeing & disagreeing findings*
- *No personal ideas !*
- *No fanatic thoughts !*

## How to write a good “Literature Review”?

- *Remember the purpose*
- *Search with purpose*
- *Read with purpose*
- *Write with purpose*

## Some Traps to Avoid !

- *Trying to read everything !*
- *Reading but not writing !*
- *Surfing but not saving !*
- *Not keeping the bibliographic information !*

# Resources for “Literature Review”

- *Periodicals*
- *Books*
- *Conference proceedings*
- *Thesis & dissertations*
- *Scientific consultations*
- *Clinical observations*

# Resources for “Literature Review”

Cont’d.

- *Government/Corporate reports*
- *Newspapers/Magazines*
- *Audio/Video tapes*
- *Slides/Presentations*
- *CD-ROMs*
- *The Internet* 