Southern New Hampshire University

PSY 614 Literature Review Rubric

Overview
This literature review will be used to support your position paper, which is due in Module Seven. For your position paper, you will choose one of the current debates in the field of leadership psychology and defend a position.

For the literature review, you must select at least five appropriately cited, peer-reviewed journal articles related to that debate. Refrain from stating your opinion on any of the material in the literature review; you will have an opportunity to do that in the position paper.

Your Assignment
The literature review should begin with an overview of the subject. State your objective for conducting a literature review. Next, divide your selected resources into categories (each side of the debate). Compare and contrast each source and determine which sources best support the argument.

For each source:

- Include proper APA citation
- Identify the problem: List the side of the debate the source supports
- Compare the resource: Explain how it is similar to or different from other sources
- Final Review: Consider the objectivity of the article, the sources the author selected to support his or her ideas, and the value of the author's conclusions. Discuss how the article can be used to support your position paper.

Resources
Use this database to locate peer-reviewed journal articles: Psychology Research Guide

For detailed information about writing literature reviews, use this resource: Write a Literature Review

Rubric

Guidelines for Submission: Double-spaced Word document, 12-point Times New Roman font, 1-inch margins, APA format. Page length requirement: six to eight pages, not including title page and references.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (90%)	Needs Improvement (70%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Purpose of Literature Review	Meets "Proficient" criteria and uses specific and relevant examples to effectively establish the significance	Main point behind the literature review is clearly stated, demonstrating the significance of the psychological debate	Main point behind the literature review is stated but requires additional details to establish the significance of the psychological debate	Does not identify the purpose of the literature review	20
Comparison of Sources	Meets "Proficient" criteria and uses substantial relevant and specific details	Comparison demonstrates how the source differs from the other sources, using specific details	Comparison lacks sufficient details to demonstrates how the source differs from the other sources	Comparison does not illustrate the differences between the sources	15
Objectivity	Meets "Proficient" criteria and cites specific elements in the source that precisely address the author's objectivity	Explains specific elements in the source that reasonably addresses the author's objectivity	Lacks sufficient elements to demonstrate the author's objectivity	Does not illustrate the author's objectivity	15
Value	Meets "Proficient" criteria and uses specific and robust examples of the author's use of evidence to support the argument	Illustrates the value of the sources by demonstrating sufficient examples of the author's use of evidence to support the argument	Lacks sufficient examples of the author's use of evidence to support the argument	Does not illustrate the value of the article/author's use of evidence	15
Conclusions	Meets "Proficient" criteria and uses specific and substantial details	Identifies the conclusions and demonstrates how each source will be used to support the position using specific details	Lacks sufficient details to show how the sources will be used to support the position	Does not identify conclusions or how the sources will be integrated into the position paper	20
Articulation of Response	Submission is free of errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, and syntax and is presented in a professional and easy-to-read format	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, or syntax	Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, or syntax that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas	Submission has critical errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, or syntax that prevent understanding of ideas	15
				Earned Total	100%