

Use of Literature Checklist

Use the following criteria to evaluate an author's use of literature.

- Look for indications of the following ways the author used literature:
 - Introduce a problem
 - Introduce a theory
 - Provide direction to the research questions and/or hypotheses
 - Compare results with existing literature or predictions
- Did the author mention the problem addressed by the study?
- Is the purpose of the study stated?
- Are key variables in the study defined?
- Is information about the sample, population, or participants provided?
- Are the key results of the study summarized?
- Does the author provide a critique of the literature?
- Are sources cited to support points?
- Are the citations to recent literature (within the past 5 years with the exception of seminal works)?
- Does the literature justify the importance of the topic studied?

Problem Statement Checklist

Use the following criteria to evaluate an author's problem statement:

- Is a problem identified that leads to the need for this study?
- Is a rationale or justification for the problem clearly stated?
- Is the problem framed in a way that is consistent with the research approach?
- Does the statement convey how the study will address the problem?
- Are the citations to literature current (i.e., within the past 5 years with the exception of seminal works)?