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4. Literature Review - Final Paper

Students will complete a critical literature review that synthesizes prior research on their chosen educational problem. The literature review may be interdisciplinary, but the majority of sources should come from educational psychology journals and/or scholars.

Guidelines:

- A. The final paper must adhere to the manuscript/conventions described in the syllabus.
- The length of your paper must not exceed 15 pages (not including references)
 - The literature review must contain at least 20 sources (minimum of 15 from peer-reviewed journals) and should be at least 10 pages long but no more than 15 pages.
 - At least 10 citations should be from sources published within the last five years.
- B. Sections: You must include the following sections to receive full credit:
- Title page (Title, name, date, course number, instructor)
 - Introduction (Why is the topic important? What is the main purpose/objective of this paper?)
 - Multiple sections summarizing the main points of related literature and synthesizing across sources. It is suggested that you organize your paper using subheadings to help identify the different sections.
 - Review and critique of methodology
 - Conclusions and future research
 - This section **MUST** include an argument regarding the challenges and opportunities of the field's theoretical and empirical approaches to contemporary educational problems concerning African American students with respect to at least one of three areas: cultural relevance, methodology, or implications for policy/practice.
 - References (list of references must be formatted according to the APA publication manual)
- C. The paper will be graded using the following rubric:
- Adherence to APA style - 10 points
 - Adherence to paper formatting guidelines - 10 points
 - Appropriateness of sources (see above guidelines) - 30 points
 - Synthesis of literature - 20 points
 - Review and critique of methodology - 10 points
 - Conclusion regarding the field and future research - 20 points