

REVIEWING THE LITERATURE

SOME STEPS IN THE RESEARCH PROCESS



GUIDELINES IN THE CONDUCT OF LITERATURE REVIEW

- What type of research has been done in the area?
- What has been found in previous studies?
- What suggestions do other researchers make for further study?
- What has not been investigated?
- How can the proposed study add to our knowledge of the area?
- What research methods were used in previous studies?

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- It defines a specific hypothesis or research question
 - Hypothesis is a formal statement regarding the relationship between variables, and it is tested directly. It is a predicted relationship between the variables either true or false.
 - Research question is a formally stated question intended to provide indications about something and it is not limited to investigating relationships between variables.