Literature Review Organiser

Use this worksheet to organise your literature review, so that you know exactly where you’re going and you’re ready to start writing.

**Instructions**

1. Start by copying and pasting your main research aim and the specific research questions:

* Main research aim:
* Specific research question/aim 1:
* Specific research question/aim 3:
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1. Based on the aims above and the notes you’ve taken so far on the literature, what are the 3-5 main themes that you will need to tackle in the literature review?

* Main theme 1:
* Main theme 2:
* Main theme 3:
* Main theme 4:
* Main theme 5:

1. Before you outline the subthemes and organise them logically, it’s important to understand what the Pyramid Apex is for each main theme is. Ask yourself:

* What is my main goal with this section?
* What am I trying to tell the reader?
* What should be the main take-away message?
* What is the ‘so what?!’ at the end of section?

1. Complete the table below with main themes and the apexes.

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| **Main theme** | **Main Apex** | **Type of Organisation** | **Sub-themes** | **Sub-themes organised** | **Apex for each subtheme** |
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1. Decide which type of organisation is the most appropriate for each main theme:
2. Brainstorm 3-5 subthemes for each main theme.

* Main theme 1:
  + Subtheme 1:
  + Subtheme 2:
  + Subtheme 3:
  + Subtheme 4:
  + Subtheme 5:
* Main theme 2:
  + Subtheme 1:
  + Subtheme 2:
* Main theme 3:
  + Subtheme 1:
  + Subtheme 2:

1. Organise them logically following the type of organisation you chose in point 5.
2. Decide what the apex of each subtheme is.
3. Use the Literature Review Word template to map out the whole chapter.