

Traditional Research Article (or Book) – Mapping Template (8.5X11)

Introduction	Theoretical Framework (if applicable)	Literature Review	Methods (what you did)	Findings and/or Results (what you found)	Discussion (what your results mean)	Conclusion
Topic & Problem	Discussion of Theories Relevant to this Article	Overview of Research Area(s) that Contribute Knowledge to this Specific Research	Description of Materials: Equipment, Participants, Samples	Significant Findings in Words	Summary of Key Points	Main Contribution(s) of this Research to Field of Study
Importance of Field of Study	Introduction to the Specific Theories used in this Study	Historical and Contextual Analysis of Key Literature (Concepts/ Definitions and Critical Debates) (if applicable)	Description of Methods: Preparation, Procedures, Collection of Data (measurement, observation, interviews, surveys, focus groups), Statistical Analysis	Adjustments and Exclusions	Interpretation of Results	Significance of Achievements of this Research
Main Research Question(s) / Purpose Statement / Hypothesis / Objectives	Theoretical Contributions	Review and Comparison of Key Studies from the Literature	Methodological Issues	Participant Observations / Interviews/ Focus Group	Comparison of Findings to Other Studies	Recommendations
Research Gap Summarized		Research Gap(s) this Article Addresses		Tables & Figures	Contribution of Findings to Research Question	Future Areas for Investigation
Justification for this Research		How this Research Contributes to the Literature			Limitations & Successes	
Relevant Background Information (Social, political, historical, scientific relevance)		Purpose/ Main Argument of this Article				



INTRODUCTION

What is the Topic of this Project?

Key Words

What are some Problems relevant to this Topic that are worth exploring?

Describe the Importance of this Field of Study

Main Research Question(s)/ Purpose Statement/ Hypothesis/ Objectives
(important to always have this global information in mind as you construct parts of the document)

Research Gap

Justification for this Project
(Why is this project important now?)

Relevant Background Information on the Field of Study
(Social, political, historical, scientific relevance)

Structure of the Article



THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

- Sometimes this section is combined with the Literature Review section

Discussion of Major Theories

Relevant to your Research

Categories/Topics/Sub-headings/Themes

Introduction to the specific Theories used in this Study

(What critical conversations are you engaging with?)

Summary/ Conclusion of Theoretical Contributions



LITERATURE REVIEW

*Sometimes this section is combined with the Theoretical Framework section

Overview of Research Area(s) that Contribute Knowledge to this Specific Research

(What critical conversations are you engaging with?)

Categories/Topics/Sub-headings/Themes

(use for organizing your Literature Review)

Historical and Contextual Analysis of Key Literature

(if applicable) (Concepts/Definitions and Critical Debates)

Review and Comparison of Key Studies from the Literature

Similarities and Differences; Strengths and Limitations; Agreements and Disagreement in Analysis, Theories, Interpretations, Methods, Findings, and Conclusions

Research Gap(s) & Limitations

(What has not been studied yet?)

How your Project Contributes to the Literature

Purpose/ Main Argument of this Project



METHODS

What You Did

Describe in Words.

Description of Materials used in this Study

- Equipment; Participants; Samples; Populations; Etc.

Methods used in this Study

- Preparation; Procedures; Collection of Data; Statistical Analysis; Etc.

Methodological Issues



FINDINGS AND/OR RESULTS

What did you find?

Brief summary.

Significant Findings in Words

Adjustments and Exclusions

Participant Observations/ Interviews/ Focus Group

Tables & Figures



DISCUSSION

Restate Purpose/ Research Question(s)/ Significance of this Project to the Field of Study

Interpretation of Results

What do the Results mean?

Comparison of Results to Other Studies

Contribution of Findings to Research Question

Limitations & Successes



CONCLUSION

Summary of Key Points of the Article

Main Contribution(s) of this Research to the Field of Study

Assert the Value of this Research

Significance of Achievements of this Research

Recommendations

Future Areas for Investigation

