

# Assignment: Literature Reviews

## Two Literature Reviews on the Same Topic: AI-Generated vs. Traditional Review

### Purpose of the Assignment

The purpose of this assignment is to critically examine the role of generative AI in academic knowledge production and to compare it with a conventional literature review process. Students will produce two literature reviews on the same research topic and then reflect on the differences in process, quality, scope, transparency, and usefulness.

### Task Overview

1. Choose one clearly defined topic relevant to qualitative research. You will prepare two separate literature reviews on this **same topic**:
2. Formulate your own research question and/or sub-questions to narrow down your research focus.

#### 1. AI-Generated Literature Review

Produce the first literature review using a generative AI model.

This section must include:

- the type of model used,
- the exact model's name,
- the settings or configuration used (if available),
- the full prompt entered into the model,
- a short description of how the output was generated and whether you revised it.

The literature review itself should be presented as a coherent academic text.

#### 2. Traditional Literature Review

Produce the second literature review using a conventional academic approach.

This means you must search for and evaluate relevant sources through methods such as:

- academic journal databases,
- library catalogues,
- scholarly books and edited volumes,
- citation tracking,
- other standard academic search strategies.

This review should also be written as a coherent academic text and based on sources you selected and assessed yourself.

## Final Comparative Section

In the final section of the assignment, compare the two literature reviews.

Your comparison should address questions such as:

- How did the search process differ?
- What differences appeared in the quality, relevance, and credibility of sources?
- How did the two reviews differ in depth, structure, argumentation, and analytical value?
- Did the AI-generated review omit important literature, invent references, overgeneralize, or simplify debates?
- Which method was more useful for understanding the topic, and why?
- What are the implications of using generative AI for academic work in qualitative research?

Your comparison should not be descriptive only. It should include a critical evaluation of both approaches.

## General Structure of both reviews

### Introduction

Explain the focus, purpose, and scope of your literature review, and how it relates to the research topic you selected and the research question(s) you formulated.

**Word limit:** 100-200 words (+/- 10% rule applies)

### Body

This section should be systematically organized according to criteria you choose, such as theoretical debates, the nature of the findings, levels of analysis, or methodological perspectives. Your goal is to critically assess specific pieces of scholarly literature—such as books, articles, and policy documents—rather than simply describe their content. Try to highlight how each work engages with other scholarship: do the authors agree or disagree with one another

**Word limit:** 700-1000 words (+/- 10% rule applies)

**Scope:** Include at least 10 pieces of scholarly literature, the upper limit is 20.

### Conclusion

Conclude with an evaluation of the scholarly literature reviewed. What key points of contestation have you identified? What have you learned about the topic so far? Which issues have been addressed by existing scholarship, and which have remained unresolved? What research gaps can be identified on the basis of the literature review conducted? How do you intend to contribute to addressing these gaps?

**Word limit:** 100-200 words (+/- 10% rule applies)

References (refer to the citation style used consistently throughout your literature review, e.g. APA, Harvard, etc.)

Compile a list of all sources cited in your literature review. Ensure that you follow one major citation style consistently (as recommended by the Faculty).

### **Final Comparative Section**

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