ENGLISH 1302: Literature Reviews

Researching a literature review and narrowing a topic sufficiently are key steps in writing a literature review. For this assignment, if you decide not to research a topic of your own choosing, we have made articles available on e-reserve through the Texas Tech Library's website. The topics include discussions on Democratic Peace Theory, Book History/Digital Humanities, Nursing (chronic pain), and the impact of aerosols in Geoscience.

Before choosing your topic, it’s important to take the following steps:

1) Read the Introduction to Literature Reviews assigned by your instructor. This introduction was written by the Director of the University Writing Center, the Director of the First Year Composition Program, and the Associate and Assistant Directors of the Composition Program specifically to introduce Texas Tech first-year students to literature reviews. But before reading the articles, you’ll need to understand what a literature review is and what to do with the articles.

2) If you are not sure which topic is most interesting to you personally, read the beginnings of one or two articles from each group before making a decision.

3) Make sure you have access to a reliable printing source. Once you’ve chosen your topic, you’ll need to be able to print articles. You will be working with these articles for weeks: reading, annotating, and identifying passages to use in your work. Reading from a computer screen is usually not a good option for this type of reading. Once you begin to identify groups, you will also want to physically stack or organize your articles into those groups. A dorm room, living room, or office covered with organized stacks of articles is a sign of good progress on a literature review!

To Access the Articles:

Go to www.library.ttu.edu
Under Search Tools: Left hand side, click "Library Catalog"
Once “Iris” comes up, go to the top right, find "Course Reserve" and click that tab
In the "Keyword" box, type “Lang”
From here, choose articles you wish to view and print
On the next page, click the green download button and then again on the second page- you may be prompted to enter your e-raider ID and password
For some articles, you’ll need an extra step. Choose the “view PDF” from the Journal page or EPSCO.

Articles topics are indicated on the right side of the screen:

Democratic Peace Theory: 1302.1
Nursing: 1302.2
Book History/Digital Humanities: 1302.3
Geoscience (impact of aerosols): 1302.4
Democratic Peace Theory:


Digital Humanities/Book History


**Nursing**


Thomas, Sandra P. "Through the lens of Merleau-Ponty: advancing the phenomenological approach to nursing research." Nursing Philosophy 6.1 (2005): 63-76.


Geoscience


