How to do a Literature Review

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I. Project 1 Assignment

A. Write a general introduction for the research you proposed in Project # 1.
B. Your Introduction should be 5-6 pages in length (7-9 for graduate credit).
C. The introduction should contain two things:
   1) a statement of your hypothesis
   2) a review of relevant literature.
II. Introductory Psychology Textbooks

1. Helps you classify your topic into major areas (e.g., emotion, cognition, etc.)
2. Acquaints you with related research
3. May give you a closely related article.

Look up the citation in the References, and then look up the article.

III. Advanced Text Books

(e.g., Social Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, I/O Psychology)

1. Once you know the basic topic, a more advanced book may have some related information.
2. May give you a closely related article.

Look up the citation in the References, and then look up the article.

IV. Experts in the Field

Go ask other faculty members who know your area!

http://www.mtsu.edu/psychology/faculty_staff.php
V. Computer Search

Psychology Sources:
http://161.45.205.120/libdata/rqs.phtml?subject_id=45

VI. Logic of a Search

Remote  Present
Past

Time
Reference list of found items

Computer Search

Citation Search

Citation Search

Web of Science:
http://161.45.205.120/libdata/rlnk.phtml?subject_id=45&resource_id=1185&infotype_id=154&masterinfotype_id=14