

Literature Review Theme Map Worksheet

Use this before drafting to move from source summaries to theme-based synthesis.

Research Question

Source Notes

Source	Main contribution	Method or evidence type	Limit or gap

Theme Clusters

Theme/tag	Sources that fit	Agreement	Disagreement or method difference	Possible section heading

Gap Statement

Source Stack Trap Check

- Did I group by relationship instead of author order?
- Can each theme answer why the sources belong together?
- Did I mark disagreements instead of smoothing them over?
- Does each planned section connect to the research question?

Drafting Plan

Section	Purpose	Sources	Transition to next section