Review of Literature Scoring

THESIS TITLE

In the INTRODUCTION--Does the author:

Yes ___ No ___ 1. Begin with an advanced organizer that outlines the chapter?

Yes ___ No ___ 2. Define or identify the general topic, issue, or area of concern providing an appropriate context for reviewing the literature.

Yes ___ No ___ 3. Point out overall trends in what has been published about the topic; or conflicts in theory, methodology, evidence, and conclusions; or gaps in research and scholarship; or a single problem or new perspective of immediate interest?

Yes ___ No ___ 4. Establish the reason (point of view) for reviewing the literature.

Yes ___ No ___ 5. Explain the criteria to be used in analyzing and comparing literature and the organization of the review (sequence).

Yes ___ No ___ 6. State why certain literature is or is not included (scope).

In the BODY--Does the author:

Yes ___ No ___ 6. Organize the chapter in a thematic manner.

Yes ___ No ___ 7. Organize the chapter in a clear and understandable manner.

Yes ___ No ___ 8. Use appropriate headings to reflect the overall organization of the paper.

Yes ___ No ___ 9. Continually relate the literature to his/her study.

Yes ___ No ___ 10. Point out trends and themes in the literature.

Yes ___ No ___ 11. Identify gaps in the literature.

Yes ___ No ___ 12. Move from a general discussion of the research to a more specific area that they themselves are researching i.e. they relate previous work to their own to define it, justify it and explain it.

Yes ___ No ___ 13. Provide the reader with strong "umbrella" sentences at beginnings of paragraphs, "signposts" throughout, and brief "so what" summary sentences at intermediate points in the review to aid in understanding comparisons and analyses.

In the Conclusion, does the author:

Yes ___ No ___ 14. Summarize major contributions of significant studies and articles to the body of knowledge under review, maintaining the focus established in the introduction.

Yes ___ No ___ 15. Evaluate the current "state of the art" for the body of knowledge reviewed, pointing out major methodological flaws or gaps in research, inconsistencies in theory and findings, and areas or issues pertinent to future study.

Yes ___ No ___ 16. Conclude by providing some insight into the relationship between the central topic of the literature review and a larger area of study such as a discipline, a scientific endeavor, or a profession.

FINAL SCORE (SCORING: TOTAL YES - TOTAL NO)