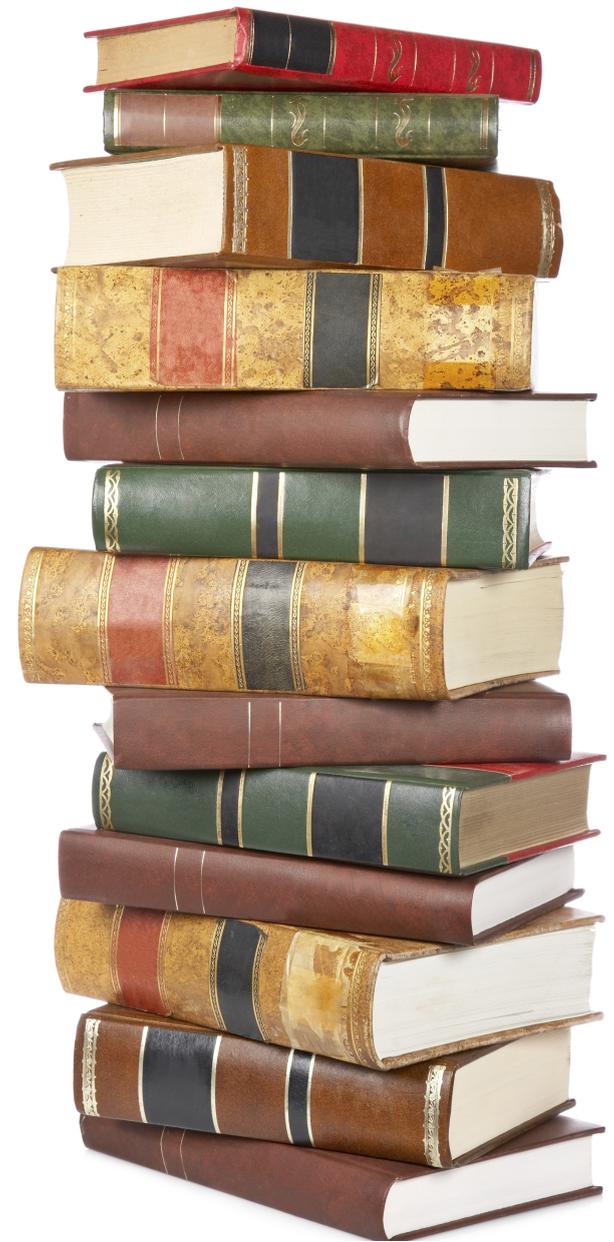


# Writing a Literature Review

Learn how to write an effective literature review that summarizes and evaluates current research on a particular topic.

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# The Purpose of a Literature Review

## Identify Gaps

Evaluate the current state of knowledge on a topic and identify gaps in the existing research.

## Establish Importance

Explain the importance of your research question and how your study adds to the knowledge base.

## Find Relevant Resources

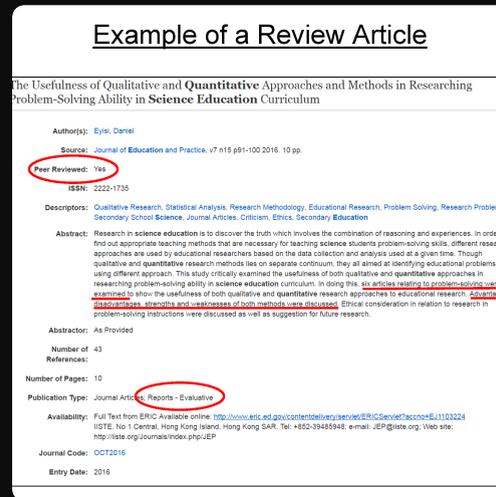
Find and select relevant resources on a topic to ensure that your review is comprehensive.

# Selecting Relevant Sources



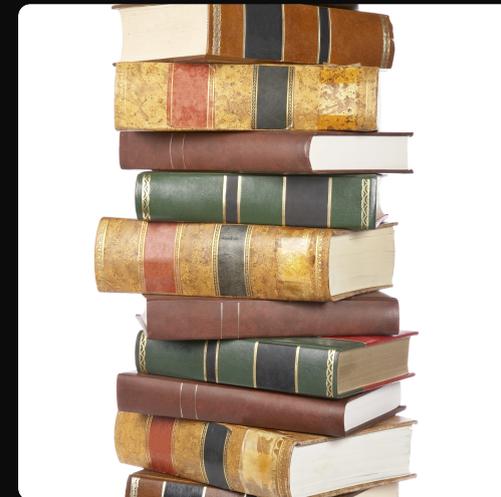
## Research Articles

Primary sources that report on new research findings.



## Review Articles

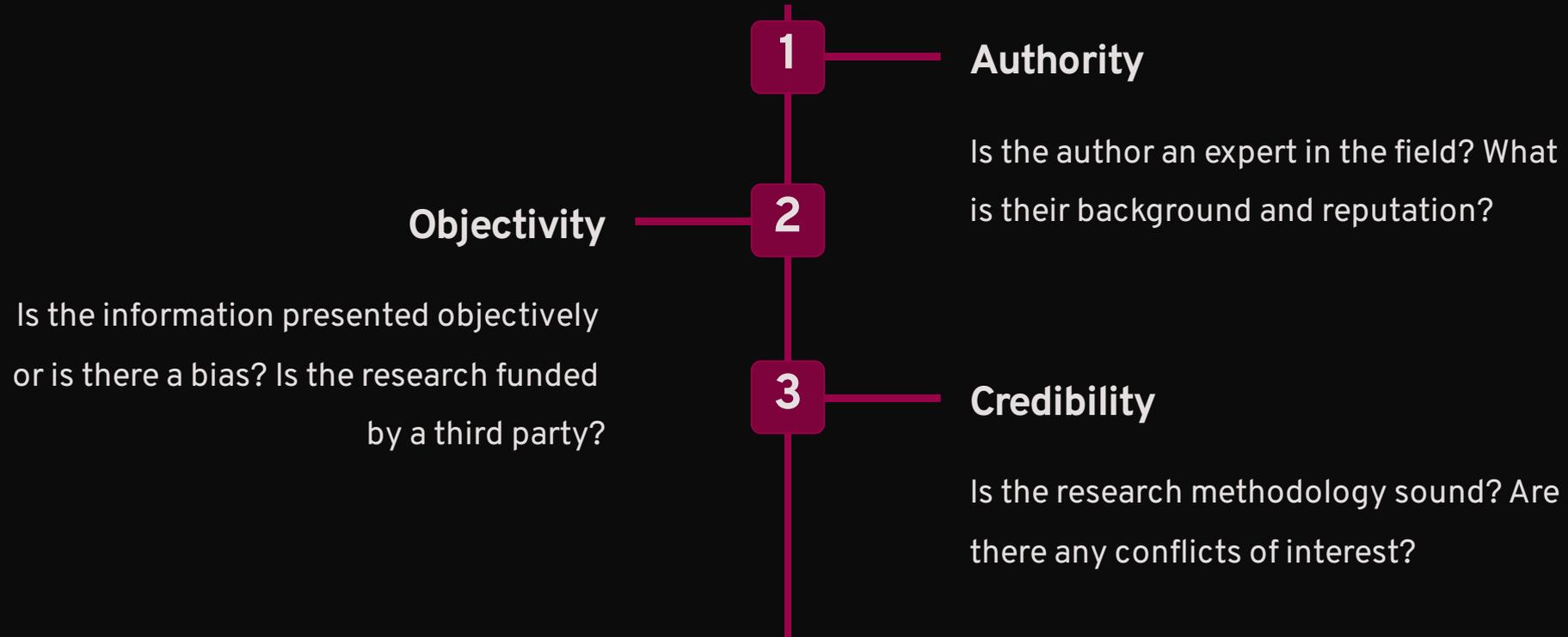
Secondary sources that critically evaluate and summarize existing research.



## Books

Provide comprehensive coverage of a topic and can include original research.

# Evaluating the Quality of Sources



# Organizing and Synthesising Research

## Introduction

Introduce the research question and provide background information on the topic.

## Body

Organize the sources by theme, methodology or chronology.

## Conclusion

Summarise the main findings and their implications.  
Identify gaps in the existing research and propose future directions for study.

# Structure of a Literature Review

Section	Description
Introduction	Introduce the research question and its significance
Body	Organise sources by theme or methodology
Conclusion	Summarise the main findings and identify gaps in the research

# Common Mistakes to Avoid

1

## Lack of Focus

Ensure that your review is focused on the research question and related topics. Avoid summarising irrelevant studies.

2

## Poor Organisation

Organise studies by theme, methodology or chronology to create a coherent narrative. Avoid a list of studies.

3

## Inadequate Analysis

Summarise the main findings of each study and critically evaluate the quality of the research. Avoid a simple summary of the studies.

# Tips for Writing a Strong Literature Review

